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TO THE FOUNDERS OF SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA

And others of early times who made the beginning,
Also to those who came after, serving with true vision,
Most of all to

MABEL LEE WALTON

Whose thirty-four years of leadership in highest office,
and almost sixty as a Tri Sigma,
have marked the history of this order with
ideals of integrity and service and
the essence of her own rare spirit and character,
for she built with love and wisdom
a national society destined to enrich all who share
friendship in the triple bonds.

Foreword

"The First Fifty-five Years, 1898-1953" was hailed at the History Convention in 1956 as the first published volume of the history of the Sorority and a truly monumental achievement.

Now the years to be remembered number sixty-four. The time has come for a second edition to follow the first to record Tri Sigma's history from 1898-1962. Volume I is being reprinted with minimum revision for the continuing enjoyment of the membership. Especially those new members, who upon initiation join the circle of all those going before and all coming after in bonds of friendship across the nation, will find unchanged within this book the heart-warming, enchanting story of their priceless heritage in Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Again many Tri Sigmas have contributed to the updating of the second edition. Appreciation is expressed to the national officers providing information on historical events since 1953 within their areas of responsibility; grateful acknowledgment is given to Margaret Reed Schwein, *Alpha Gamma*, and Mary Eileen Maloney Dobson, *Tau*, for work covering the Conventions and elsewhere, and to Lucille Amesse Morrison, *Omicron*, present Historian, for encouragement and assistance; most of all, gratitude goes to Margaret Freeman Dixon, *Sigma*, National President, and to Marie Santee Dunham, *Alpha Iota*, Executive Secretary, for their unfailing cooperation in the compilation of this edition of Tri Sigma history.

Thus, once again it has been the labor of many for the pleasure of all.

—Mary Hastings Holloway Page, *Alpha*

August 1, 1962

Editor's Note—

For those who own the first edition of *The Years Remembered of Sigma Sigma Sigma, the First Fifty-five Years, 1898-1953*, the *Supplement* will cover the history of the years 1953-1962.

As the most practical way to accomplish this, excerpts from the second edition are reprinted here. The addenda to the new volume's Foreword appears above to explain the aims that guided preparation of the second edition. Thus all Tri Sigmas who have received a copy of the first edition since the 1956 Convention now may share in this accounting of the Sorority's history through the 1962 Convention.

The *Supplement* follows the order of chapters to be found in both first and second editions.

In some instances only the new data is given under the identifying chapter heading; in others, the updated introduction will be found as well as new material. Several chapters have been revised to coordinate new developments with past history and thus appear in their entirety. If a chapter is missing from the *Supplement*, this means it remains essentially the same as in the first edition of the History.

All of the new material appears that it was feasible to reprint. Dates or phrases amplifying the first edition that are scattered throughout a chapter in the second edition are necessarily omitted in this reprinting.

It is hoped that the *Supplement* will serve the purpose, however, of updating major areas of the first edition. This has been requested by many members of the Sorority. It is also hoped this record will prove to be interesting and of value to all those who have shared the ongoing history of Sigma Sigma Sigma, for friendship in the bonds has deepening significance through all the years to be remembered. . . .

M.H.H.P.

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CHAPTER THREE

The Founding and Founders

Nothing is so powerful as an Idea whose time has come.
—VICTOR HUGO

The Sixtieth Anniversary Celebration

Sixty years since the founding! How many years had now passed since 1898 and that first April 20th when eight high spirited girls courageously announced the Greek-letter society they had formed and openly claimed recognition for Sigma Sigma Sigma.

And so it was that on April 20th, 1958 Tri Sigmas across the land joined hearts to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary and to give evidence of the quality

. . . The Executive Council came. . . .

Margaret Dixon, National President, Myrtle Holmes, Treasurer, Norma Larson, Editor, Emily Lee, Collegiate Secretary, Marilynn Kinsella, Vice-President, Marie Dunham, Executive Secretary, Nelda Crawford, Alumnæ Secretary, Mary Hastings Page, Panhellenic Delegate

of friendship that truly perpetuates itself. Once again the focus of this nationwide celebration was on Longwood College at Farmville, Virginia, the place of the founding. The Executive Council came to this campus of unchanging charm and lovely traditions to pay tribute to the Founders and to share the momentous 60th birthday with Alpha Chapter.

Another three day Tri Sigma jubilee began. On Friday evening collegiate Alphas gathered around honor guest Lucy Wright James, only one of the eight Founders able to attend. The others sent greetings to be found on record in the Spring issue of *The Triangle* of 1958, which was dedicated to the Sixtieth Anniversary. Among Alpha alumnæ through the years who returned was Mary Lou Campbell Graham of the earliest Alphas and for more than fifty years active in the Sorority.

At Longwood House nearly one hundred Tri Sigmas of all ages, and dignitaries of the college as well, gathered on Saturday night for the traditional Founders Day banquet with its inspirational theme and awards, especially thrilling on this auspicious occasion.

Following church services together on Sunday morning and dinner in the college dining hall, members of the Sorority and friends again assembled in the historic Rotunda for a dedication program based on the Thirtieth Anniversary "Alma Mater" pageant held in the same setting in 1928. How fitting to return to the Rotunda, the heart of the college for this Sixtieth Anniversary ceremony to pay homage to Alma Mater and commemorate the founding of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

The pageant presented "The Virginia Heritage" with Mary Shelton Whitehead, *Alpha,* speaking for *Alma Mater,* Mary Hastings Holloway Page, *Alpha,* for the *Spirit of Tri Sigma,* and ten collegiate Alphas who addressed Alma Mater as representatives of the whole Sorority in an accounting of stewardship, progress, and service. Then the Alpha Chapter choir sang the college's stirring song, "Alma Mater," whose words were written by Virginia Potts Redhead, *Alpha,* many years ago. National President Margaret Freeman Dixon made the presentation of Tri Sigma's gift to Longwood College in honor of the Founders. Eloquently she expressed the feeling of Sigma Sigma Sigmas everywhere for the college of the founding in these words:

"Here was Tri Sigma's first home. Here the first dreams were dreamed, the first friendships formed. Now after sixty years of dreaming, of working, and of accomplishing, Tri Sigma is at home on many and varied campuses, each one dear and special. But the heart turns ever to the birthplace, the site of our beginnings. No matter what her personal Alma Mater, each Tri Sigma claims a part of Longwood College as her own. This Rotunda is familiar to every pledge as soon as she begins her Tri Sigma life. The Founders Plaque with springtime violets beneath it every April 20 stirs Sigma memories in every state.

"As a mark of our national gratitude for the roots of our heritage here in Virginia's lovely springtime, members of Sigma Sigma Sigma join hands and hearts across the nation and bring a gift to the college of our founding: a Tri Sigma Garden to add beauty to an already lovely campus.

"In this Tri Sigma Garden soon to grow on the Longwood College campus, may you see as we do—

A gift significant of *growth* for the college and sorority

A gift significant of the *eternal present*—rooted in the past, reaching for the future

A gift significant of *beauty* and *inspiration*—hallmarks of Tri Sigma ideals

A gift significant of *life's renewal*—of continual rededication to the high truths of our order

A gift which will ever be significant of the *love* and *appreciation* of *all* members of Tri Sigma for our Founders and for their Alma Mater.

"Each year's growth in this new garden will pledge again Tri Sigma's firm dedication to the finest and the highest in the future as in the past. May

Gratefully accepting the Tri Sigma Garden. . . .
Dr. Lankford, Margaret Dixon, Mary Hastings Page and the Alpha Chapter choir. . . .

it give much pleasure and be a source for renewal of spirit. I give you a token of our appreciation of what has been—our pledge of what is to come."

Gratefully accepting the Tri Sigma Garden, President Francis G. Lankford, Jr., stressed opportunities present day Tri Sigmas have in being a worthy and contributing force to their college. Singing "Stately and Royal" as a recessional, the Alphas ascended the stairs to form a symbolic circle around the second floor balustrade as the final strains of this ceremonial hymn floated through the halls. There followed a gala reception in Student Building Lounge.

And so it is that traditional remembrance of the founding is celebrated by Tri Sigma chapters everywhere year after year in tribute to the Founders, from whom the national sorority continues to grow.

Because of the Founders, Alpha—the beginning—gives deepest meaning to Omega—the eternal chapter for all members of Sigma Sigma Sigma. Three of the Founders names are now to be found enrolled in Omega Chapter: Lucy Wright James was the second Founder to enter Omega, on January 28, 1960; and on September 16, 1960, Margaret Batten Randle was the third of the Founders to join Omega Chapter.

Speaking for the Founders in the 1958 Winter issue of *The Triangle* to invite all Tri Sigmas to the Sixtieth Anniversary, Lucy Wright James had this to say:

All of our original band will not be able to stand in the Rotunda with you nor sit at candlelit tables to share in the birthday festivities. Since Sigma is sixty, we who first called her into being find a few additional years keeping some of us close to our own firesides even in springtime! But your greetings and messages mean much to us, as they have through the years swiftly passing, and we do enjoy being the "first Tri Sigmas."

It is your own love and loyalty and dedication to the enduring ideals of friendship and service that have added lustre and beauty to the fair name of our order. For this devotion do your founders thank you and in this sixtieth April for Σ Σ Σ greet you with affectionate pride and sisterly love.

This prophetic last message from Lucy is truly a benediction for Tri Sigmas to hold in their hearts each Founders Day celebration in years to come.

Oh, the deathless spirit of the Founders! What a legacy of their own gay, enterprising girlhood and gracious womanhood they have given to all who share in Tri Sigma friendship. This goes ever onward, spanning the years from April of youth . . . as the purple deepens . . . into the calm of life's evening. Indeed it is a Sigma Symphony the Founders created and leave to those who follow after as *a living heritage.*

CHAPTER SEVEN

National Conventions

That action is best which procures the greatest happiness for the greatest numbers.

—FRANCES HUTCHESON

The Twenty-fourth, 1956, Estes Park

"The History Convention"

Westward-Ho to Convention!

Once again Tri Sigmas assembled at Estes Park, Colorado, after almost a quarter of a century. This 1956 Convention at the Hotel Stanley, with its panoramic view of the majestic Rocky Mountains, celebrated a major achievement: the long anticipated publication of the Sorority's history, *The Years Remembered of Sigma Sigma Sigma, The First Fifty-Five Years, 1898-1953.*

"The heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future" significantly appeared on the Convention program. A symbolic phrase quoted from the chapter headings in the new volume of History was used to highlight each day's events.

SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA TWENTY FOURTH TRIENNIAL
NATIONAL CONVENTION — JUNE 24-JULY 3, 1956-STANLEY HOTEL
KARR STUDIOS
ESTES PARK COLO

FRIDAY, June 29 . . . *"a universal law of growth and achievement. . . ."*

Waiting on the hotel's broad steps to welcome Tri Sigmas were hostess members of Iota Chapter in colorful western outfits. In the lobby Denver Alumnæ Chapter members registered new arrivals and distributed purple denim tote bags, filled with ΣΣΣ inscribed Convention information.

Formal Opening was at 4:00 p.m. when the Convention Director, Pauline Childers, *Sigma,* graciously handed the historic official gavel to the National President, Mary Hastings Page, *Alpha.* After an inspiring Invocation, a warm welcome was given by Gladys Cooper Travers, *Alpha Epsilon,* President of the Denver Alumnæ Chapter, with Margery Gepner, *Alpha Chi* delegate, responding.

Guest speaker Dr. William R. Ross, Sigma Chi, President of Colorado State College of Education at Greeley, related with insight and humor the growth of the nation since 1898 and the history of Tri Sigma by decades. "The past of Sigma Sigma Sigma has been brilliant with achievements, and I hope its future is a glorious one," he declared. "I believe the reason for Tri Sigma's steady growth has been the high philosophy that appears in all your publications." He closed his address with predictions for continued success of Greek-letter societies, provided they preserve their heritage and their members have confidence in each other, maintain a high code of honor, and meet their responsibilities in the years ahead.

After thanking Dr. Ross, the National President stated that even as this "History Convention" saluted the heritage of the past, that considerations of the 1956 Convention would deal with new and better ways of service to the membership, the college community, and to our country as citizens at a critical time in world history. She said, "Our aims are to develop even greater appreciation of our heritage and a deeper faith in unchanging values."

The National President further said, "Convention offers the occasion to review the affairs of Sigma Sigma Sigma. May the delegates fully realize the worth of all the work, plans, hopes, expended to make the 1956 Convention as perfect as possible in every detail. National Convention offers us the opportunity for communion of minds and interchange of ideas; Convention also provides a training ground for chapter and national officers and helps the membership at large to be informed about the Sorority and to be a part of planning for its future.

"Here we stand on a mountain top! In a sense every Convention represents the high point where the past may be reviewed and the future surveyed by the Sorority's governing body. What better location for this lofty experience could we find than Colorado with its magnificent mountain peaks all around, reminding us of heights yet to climb? The opportunity is ours. We can make Tri Sigma's future more secure by the actions we take at this Convention. As we enjoy all the fun of being together again, let us also keep sight of the future

and our responsibilities to it. May unity prevail and a steadily growing bond lift our hearts. Here's to happy days—!"

Singing "America, The Beautiful" to conclude this auspicious opening meeting, Tri Sigmas indeed felt that bond renewed and the happiness that would highlight busy days together.

Later that afternoon the Executive Council's reception honored the Historian, Susanne Stinson. Warm handclasps of greeting in the receiving line were shared by a trio of distinguished Tri Sigmas seated nearby: *Founder* Lucy Wright James, *National President Emerita* Mabel Lee Walton, and *First National President* Rhea Clark Scott. At last the gala event of Convention, the "unveiling" of the new History, took place. A dramatic roll of drums from the orchestra, and the National President called forward the Historian. The President's Convention Page Carol Dixon, 12 year old daughter of the National Treasurer, then summoned the Convention Marshal, Muriel Minard, *Alpha Tau,* who appeared with the eagerly awaited printed History, a handsome black cloth-bound book with gold coat of arms and lettering. This first official copy, which the Executive Council had inscribed for Susanne Stinson, was presented to her by the National President with due ceremony and appreciation from the Sorority for successful achievement of a task begun many years ago by Tri Σ historians.

. . . The Susanne Stinson Scholarship . . .

At this significant moment the delegation from Omicron Chapter paid homage also to Miss Stinson, former long-time Faculty Sponsor. Lucille Amesse Morrison, *Omicron* charter member, presented an ornamented scroll stating the chapter had instituted the Susanne Stinson Scholarship to be awarded each year to the outstanding Tri Sigma on its campus. Susanne declared, "This is one of the most beautiful days of my life! I have looked forward to it, but the unfolding has far exceeded my anticipations."

The Premiere Dinner followed with "Kim" Rose, *Sigma,* as delightful Toastmaster, featuring a theme of "Tri Sigma's Precious Jewels." Special guests were Dr. Ross, Miss Margaret Leahy, Dean of Women at Greeley, and Mrs. Arthur Shepherd, Dean at Western State College at Gunnison. Each table was artistically appointed with jeweled flowers and candles.

. . . how absorbed everyone became. . . .
Madge Towell, "Santy" Dunham and Mabel Lee Walton

That evening at the first session the traditional processional of the Executive Council was led by the Convention Director and the Marshal. Officers and alumnæ chapter delegates were introduced. Then the 51 collegiate delegates were recognized and seated by the Marshal in the Hanging of the Shields ceremony. Joining the parade of shields to be gazed at with pride throughout Convention were the two new ones for *Beta Upsilon* at Penn State University and *Beta Phi* at Florida Southern College.

Then followed a keynote address by the National President, of what stirring historical significance listening Tri Sigmas little knew, until at its conclusion they were told the very same address had been given to the 1906 Convention by the first National President! This timeless charge to the Sorority's members may be found recorded in the pages of *The Years Remembered*. . . . Mary Hastings Page said, "Read this message whenever you wish inspiration or renewed vision of our ΣΣΣ goals." All could marvel that after nearly sixty years had passed how unchanged and unchanging are the ideals and purposes of our sisterhood.

The death of Dr. James Miller Leake, Kappa Sigma, lifelong friend of Tri Sigma, on the eve of Convention was sadly announced. A resolution of esteem was adopted and the Convention further resolved to wear the customary black ribbon under the Triangle badge in honor of Dr. Leake, who long had unique privileges of membership as the creator of our beautiful ritual. Hail and Farewell, dear friend of all Tri Sigmas!

Historic personalities were then called upon: Lucy Wright James, the Founder who faithfully attended more Conventions than any other, and Rhea Clark Scott, the first National President. Both paid tribute to "Miller

Leake." Rhea Scott described her personal friendship with him and Natalie Lancaster through the years.

The Historian was asked to report on the saga of writing *The Years Remembered*. . . . Susanne pointed out the book is dedicated to the Founders but "most of all to Mabel Lee Walton." She praised Mabel Lee and all who had assisted in the tremendous task, especially Pauline Camper, *Alpha* and *Omega*, who preceding her as Historian had planned the book and begun the writing; and Mary Hastings Page and Marie Dunham for their management of publication and final editing; also Rachel Kyle, Art Director, whose unique illustrations added charm to the book. Susanne expressed her happiness over successful publication of the volume and this special Convention day of recognition and honor. Her introduction to Tri Sigma's "Book of History" may be read in this volume's chapter on Publications.

By now, suspense, anticipation, curiosity had reached a peak. At last the great moment! Immediately after adjournment, distribution to everyone present of first edition copies of *The Years Remembered, The First Fifty-Five Years, 1898-1953* was efficiently carried out by Virginia Whetstone McCrush, *Zeta*, the Business Manager, and her assistants. How absorbed everyone suddenly became in turning the pages of this handsome new publication! Susanne had agreed to autograph the book and busily plied her purple pen throughout following Convention days. The idea was catching! Never were more autographs placed in a better "album" than one's own book of *The Years Remembered*. . . .

. . . The Historian agreed to autograph. . . .

Thus ended a brimming first day of Convention truly significant of "growth and achievement."

SATURDAY, June 30 . . . *"In one spirit meet and mingle. . . ."*

Various concerns of the Sorority marked this day. Beginning with Early Bird Breakfasts on topics requested by college chapters, and an enlightening chalk talk by Parliamentarian Myrtle Marshall Holmes, *Alpha Iota*, the second business session opened at 9:00 a.m. with the Prayer; singing led by Virginia Emrich, *Pi*, Music Director; a welcome by Mr. Robert Dean, new manager of The Stanley Hotel; and greetings read by the Executive Secretary. Throughout Convention those who made Tri Sigma history were introduced; many past national officers were present and faithful Convention-goers of other years. Committees were announced by the National President, who introduced Convention Secretary "Kim" Rose. At this time Registration Chairman Joan Atkins, *Alpha Lambda*, reported 208 Tri Sigmas and guests registered; later a total of 249 would be her report.

. . . those who made history . . .

Seated, Zoe Davis Gose, Mabel Lee Walton, Lilly Edquist Williams, Eddie von Berge; standing, Alberta Dreyer Fitzgerald, Georgia Nelson, Jo Ganson Burr and Helen Cookston Devor.

The morning's major business centered on the National President's comprehensive state of the union report. "Each Convention makes history for Sigma Sigma Sigma," Mary Hastings Page declared. "This 1956 gathering of Sigmas is uniquely historical, to be known as the "History Convention" in celebration

of accomplishment of a published record of the Sorority, *The Years Remembered, The First Fifty-Five Years, 1898-1953*. This volume is a meaningful achievement for all members of the Sorority, reflecting as it does the steady growth of Tri Sigma in all its services to colleges, communities, and to its own members."

Particularly fitting for a History Convention, the impressive accounting of the affairs of Sigma Sigma Sigma given by the National President was related to historical terms of—*the Past* . . . a polar star to steer by, *the Present* . . . developments affecting the Sorority since the 1953 Convention, and *the Future* . . . the Tri Sigma of unchanging values that will carry the Sorority ever onward. Mrs. Page said in part, "THE PAST's time-tested structure of national organization is our rich inheritance. Reaching across the years there is the *spirit of Sigma* as the most dynamic factor in the development of the Sorority. As it will ever be! Without the *spirit of friendship* that first bound the Founders in mutual enjoyment and congenial association, and soon those chosen to follow after as their sisters in this mystic bond, association is meaningless and void, activities in the name of Sigma Sigma Sigma are pointless. Any Past is filled with the wrecks of time, but over them tower monuments that endure. The Past teaches us how to better live in the Present, what of value to seek in the Future. Little wonder that we in Sigma revere the Past even as we direct our energies to the Present and search the wide horizon of tomorrow. . . ."

Accomplishments and goals of THE PRESENT were then reviewed. In tracing administration of the Sorority through twenty-three national directors and assistants to officers and members of fifty-three college chapters, 106 alumnæ chapters and four alumnæ clubs, Mrs. Page praised the diligence of the national officers for their efficiency and devotion in voluntary services which represent leadership for Tri Sigma, now almost 20,000 strong. "We have worked together with love and high purpose," she said.

Pointing out that the record of rewarding developments throughout the national organization, particularly in widespread activities of the college chapters, was detailed in the Convention reports, the National President stated, "The *spirit* of a chapter's operation is the vital source of its overall achievements, of its contribution as a creditable unit in the national organization. . . . A chapter's success year after year, or any year, depends primarily upon the *caliber of membership*, how wisely selected, how carefully trained. . . . If the *quality* and *spirit* are there, even the handicap of lack of training can be overcome. Bring Tri Sigma only the very *BEST!*"

After discussing the current status of the collegiate program and related matters, the report dwelt on alumnæ affairs, with praise for demonstrated loyalty of Alumnæ Advisory Boards, of voluntary rushee recommendations, and the increasingly effective alumnæ chapter programs everywhere. The

report also covered effectiveness of the Harmony Hours on "Sororities in a Democracy" planned to stimulate intellectually mature future citizens; continuation of a conservative extension policy with careful predetermination of campus opportunities, administrative support, and financial involvements as to housing; appreciation for capable handling of all financial matters and the need to build strong reserve funds to give Tri Sigma necessary security.

Then the National President referred to antifraternity problems, saying: "Your Executive Council has continued to bear tremendous responsibility. These are disturbing times in our land, with extremes in thought and action tending to confuse the issues, to sweep away the structure of known and established ways of life throughout the world.

"The very existence of our sisterhood continues to be threatened. Various forces, incredibly well organized, are at work in opposition to fraternities that now exist as successful national organizations on our campuses. The goal seems to be ultimate destruction of the fraternity system. . . . We realize there is a universal struggle today between ideologies and there is inescapable significance that on college campuses fraternal organizations, which select outstanding individuals to qualify as members, have been made a target in the battle for the mind of youth.

"The attacks as we all know center on the practice of Greek-letter societies to select their members. Never before have the rights of private, social organizations been so boldly challenged in this country where freedom of religion, freedom of association, freedom of assembly, and free speech have been held inviolate as our sacred liberty. Equality under the law is the right of ALL, including those who belong to fraternities! . . . The much publicized issue of so-called "discrimination" is a false one with unscrupulous (or perhaps just confused) disregard for the rights of fraternities to select their friends. This lack of tolerance for the rights of association represents unreasonable discrimination against fraternity members themselves. Action against social organizations in the name of *civil* rights has no basic integrity or logic. The arguments are apparently designed to break down the functioning of local chapters and to destroy the solidarity of alumnæ-collegiate relationships, which give continuity of meaning and strength to units of a national fraternity. . . .

"We believe our duty clearly lies in preserving Sigma Sigma Sigma as a national association of friends without any drastic innovations. Because fraternity life is essentially spiritual and intangible, as friendship itself is, there is no easy answer to the campus pressures put upon our chapters. We do know the present size and strength of this sisterhood have been soundly built upon the best ethical values the world has ever known. We have always kept to a wise middle course. We should continue to do so if we are to realize fully the aims of perpetual friendship of our Founders."

Mary Hastings Page concluded her address with these words: "*What of* THE FUTURE *then for Tri Sigma?* What is to be now lies in our hands and

hearts. Privileged as we are to know the idealism and the friendships that have enriched so many through the years, and should continue to serve the generations to follow us, we deeply feel the binding quality of Tri Sigma love. Always, love for each other guides us, gives us courage and hope for all our tomorrows.

"Clearly we see that the organizations and the time-honored traditions which survive will be those which have the leadership with courage and vision to recognize the storm and tumult for what it really is . . . those with the strength and faith to hold fast until the right prevails.

"Let there be no misunderstanding—always in Tri Sigma we have an open mind for new ideas, for new methods that will add to the well-being and happiness of our journey across time together. All of us share equally in the success, as well as the responsibilities, of this fine and worthy enterprise in the name of friendship.

"Interested as we are in new theories, however, our working experience in human relations has taught us to balance the old with the new, to hold fast to proven values in charting our true course. Thus we do not look backward except in appreciation. Rather we are always looking forward, looking for ways in which Sigma Sigma Sigma may fulfill its ideals of service in developing better women, who may better contribute to the world in which we live. Our purpose is to help make it the kind of world it ought to be, a world of good will, of right, of mutual help, and of kindly understanding for our fellow men.

"With such high goals before us, year after year as Tri Sigma welcomes the new, young members—to open for them a wider horizon of love and friendship, we realize our work is with the finest material of any of the arts—the minds and spirits of human beings in the blossoming period of life.

"To each one, Tri Sigma gives its steadfast fundamental values as a guiding star. To each one, through our sorority experiences, opportunity is given, also, to become truly discriminating, to learn how to choose with wisdom. For isn't all of life concerned with making a choice, with ability to discriminate between what is important and what is not, to decide what is best, not only for oneself but for others? The discernment of the intelligent and disciplined mind is the goal of education; the goal, too, of Tri Sigma training that serves well its members in real preparation for better living.

"*What is it we want for Sigma Sigma Sigma tomorrow?* Isn't it the same happiness in united sisterhood that we know today as a distinguished part of the American tradition—a part that can stand alone, important in itself because our sorority gives unending joys to the heart and enriches life? The other values of service, of personal training, of citizenship, of contributions to the college have meaning, too, but after all they are only by-products. *Tri Sigma friendship is its own reason for being!*

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith.

"Looking then upon the shadows as a measure of the heights to which we are to climb, let us meet all perplexities that may be ours in the future with a balance that should well preserve the stability and progress of Sigma Sigma Sigma. May friendship in the bonds never grow less as we share steadfastness to our vows of love for one another.

"We shall keep the faith and with God's help go ever onward!"

A standing ovation and cheers of loving appreciation approved this report from the National President who included four specific recommendations: (1) expansion of the regional system within the next triennium; (2) plans toward location and purchase of representative permanent national headquarters; (3) suspension or withdrawal of any college chapter charter if national standards and a creditable record are not maintained; (4) reclassification as a club of any alumnæ chapter failing to function properly.

Then in a forthright announcement, Mary Hastings Page stated that after serving in the double capacity of National President and National Panhellenic Delegate for nine history-making years in an ever growing national organization, the time had come for some division of duties. She explained, *History has been made. Tri Sigma has shown its ability, not only to maintain a rightful position in the fraternity world, but also to move forward and continue to make its own contribution as a national fraternal order of value. The heartbeat of internal organization has never faltered. Nor will it ever, no matter how tedious and time consuming are the tasks required to maintain it, for loyal Sigmas will always confirm the faith of those who have gone before, each giving of whatever talent she possesses.*

Now it appears the future of Sigma Sigma Sigma is assured. The Sorority has passed through the critical period of assimilation into National Panhellenic Conference membership. Because I believe the necessary adjustments in making the transition to the N.P.C. field of operation have been successfully accomplished, and this goal to which I pledged myself in 1947 has been reached, my announcement is that I shall not stand for re-election as National President at this Convention. . . .

Naturally a decision has had to be made. With careful and prayerful consideration, which the entire Executive Board has shared with me, we have decided that if I am to hold an office in the future that the place of greatest service to Sigma Sigma Sigma is for me to continue as N.P.C. Delegate. . . .

Serving the Sorority as National President has been a great honor as well as a rare privilege and opportunity to work for that in which I believe and love. This privilege should now be given to another who is trained and well qualified for leadership. As for me, I shall always serve Sigma Sigma Sigma whenever and wherever I am needed. Your faith that entrusted the affairs of the Sorority to me for these three trienniums has at all times guided, encouraged, blessed me. I cherish now and forever your love.

I know you will give the same in full, confident measure to your next president, for your regard for the W.L.S., whoever she may be, reflects your respect for this highest office, with all of its demanding duties and almost overwhelming responsibility.

It has been an arduous way—but made meaningful in joys of service, worthwhile because of love for Sigma and each other. The unfailing support of the other officers has made all things possible.

I can only say—with my whole heart—thank you for your understanding, your confidence, and your love in steadfast Sigma bonds.

A deeply moved Convention body received this announcement. Again the Tri Sigma assembly rose in loving tribute. Then delegates asked to be recognized and spoke warm words of appreciation, of loss combined with hopeful confidence that the Sorority would go steadily onward. Marilynn Kinsella, the National Vice-President, resolved the discussion when she pointed out, "We are losing Hastings to the field of wider fraternity service where her wonderful capabilities and talents will continue to contribute to Tri Sigma as well as to all of National Panhellenic Conference." The resolute Tri Sigma way this change in leadership was accepted gave the greatest compliment and the assurance that work of nine long years had built well for the future.

. . . the distinguished speaker . . .
Francis S. VanDerbur

In considering the affairs of the Sorority, this morning had truly been a time for Tri Sigmas "in one spirit to meet and mingle." As the session adjourned, heart-warming understanding and a sense of shared responsibility united all.

In the lobby of the hotel Tri Sigma hostesses met their guests who came as representatives from sixteen of the National Panhellenic fraternities to attend the Panhellenic luncheon. Mary Hastings Page as N.P.C. Delegate presided and introduced the distinguished speaker on this occasion, Mr. Francis VanDerbur, Chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference, and past president of Kappa Sigma. Magnetized by his stimulating words of wit and wisdom, his audience was reminded that Greeks are an envied minority and since this cannot be changed, everything possible should be done to lessen criticism of the fraternity system on college campuses. He advised individual members, since their actions reflect not only upon each fraternity but the Greek world as a whole, to avoid snobbishness, to uphold scholarship, to promote good and constructive campus life, to make every member a better citizen on

campus as well as for the future. Since Greek-letter organizations originally founded on high ideals and principles are being attacked and criticised today from many sources, to "justify existence" fraternities should learn to do better the worthwhile things being done; to return often to their altars and ideals; and to remember that leadership carries great responsibility

At a special session of the Convention, immediately following luncheon, Mr. VanDerbur graciously gave more detailed information to Tri Sigmas on critical campus situations and pressures. He spoke of the fundamental reasons for careful selection of members, emphasizing that fraternities are social organizations with ties as close as a family in the fullest sense. He urged the college and alumnæ members to remember they joined a national organization of known character and owe consideration to sisters all over the nation. An informal question and answer period followed his remarks. As a fraternity expert in a key position, Mr. VanDerbur gave wider perspective and clarified many points, presenting an enlightening appraisal of the responsibilities of Greek-letter societies. He emphasized that in order to cope with problems a sound national organization should be forthrightly maintained by each fraternity in accordance with its own founding principles.

After the National President's gratitude was expressed for his interfraternity assistance, the delegates spontaneously expressed their appreciation, too, by serenading a delighted Mr. VanDerbur as he was escorted from the Casino by the Convention Marshal.

Frolic became the order of the day at the Chuck Wagon Dinner with sizzling steaks and a gay Sigma Sing carried out by dynamic Music Director Virginia Russell Emrich. Much interest and amusement, too, were aroused by the 1939, 1947, and 1950 Convention movies until the hour for "Talent Time Tips."

For Tri Sigmas gathered in the Casino, transformed to a nightclub scene, Minnie-Hee-Hee and her brave of the Wigwam Wigwam Wigwam tribe, Virginia Emrich and Betty Bryant Kubalak, *Zeta,* produced a completely hilarious evening. Undoubtedly they will be remembered by all at this Convention as the "most fun in Estes Park" for their entre acts at this traditional stunt night. Tri Sigma talent in sharing rush skit ideas was tremendous, but the Executive Council's stunt, "A Day at Convention, As Seen by a Fly on the Bedroom Wall" naturally won the first prize. A surprise presentation was made to the National President of a purple beribboned prairie dog, captured at risk of life and limb by Dick Kubalak, husband and chief assistant to Tri Sigma's Party Line Director.

The hour was late but spirits were high and the membership continued to "meet and mingle" for the Boomerang Buzz and the collegiate Party Prattle, a first-timers coke and snack round-up.

SUNDAY, July 1 . . . *"Laurels of eternal verdure. . . ."*

In the early morning sunlight, Tri Sigmas opened Alumnæ Day dressed in

1900's

. . . Teens

. . . Twenties

. . . "Parade of the Years," a style show. . . .

white for the quiet and lovely Inspiration Hour led by Helen Bate Cartwright, *Iota*. The green meadow, at the base of a huge rock, with a sweeping view of the peaks over the shadowy valley, offered a perfect setting for this time of shared spiritual uplift.

Returning to the Casino for the fourth business session, the Convention acclaimed the report of the National Panhellenic Conference Delegate, Mary Hastings Page, showing her characteristic perception of issues facing the fraternity world, with sound suggestions for solutions and paths to follow. As a follow-up to the Panhellenic forum with Mr. VanDerbur the preceding afternoon, this report summarized hazards currently facing the fraternity system.

. . . Thirties

After a recess, the proposed revisions to the Constitution were discussed and later adopted. Reorganization was in order to meet expanded national operations: the Executive Council was again enlarged to eight officers with the Advisory Board serving since 1947 dissolved. The titles of Directors of Departments again became Chairman of Standing Committees.

. . . unanimously adopted. . . .

There was more fun and laughter at the Chapter Reunions Luncheon, masterminded by Virginia McCrush. The program highlight was a style show, the "Parade of the Years," with many delegates and officers wearing clothes of the period of their chapter's installation.

That afternoon the Convention approved the recommendation of Murial Jenkins Minard, *Alpha Tau,* retiring Director of Social Service, that the Robbie Page Memorial Fund become the Sorority's major social service work, needs of other national projects having been fulfilled.

Lucille Amesse Morrison, *Omicron,* Chairman of the Robbie Page Memorial Committee, reported the gratifying progress of the Robbie Fund, and with successful developments in polio research, the Committee's search for a long range project of challenging scope in keeping with the "Sigma Serves Children" traditions of the Sorority. After an account of her surveys of hospitals, she recommended that the pediatrics department at North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill, receive the future support of the Robbie Page Memorial in a significant and pioneering rehabilitation program. This was unanimously adopted with great enthusiasm and heartwarming dedication to advance the Robbie Page Memorial's service to children. Another soul stirring moment of this Convention occurred when the National President expressed her gratitude to the Sorority and all of its members for accomplishments of the Fund in the five years since Robbie's death. "Because of you," Mary Hastings Page said, "the light of Robbie's spirit lives on . . . of inspiration, of value, of help to others . . . as he so ardently wanted to be. . . ."

Election of officers now took place. The slate submitted to Convention by Virginia McCrush, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, was elected by acclamation as follows: National President, Margaret Freeman Dixon, *Sigma;* National Vice-President, Marilynn Schmitt Kinsella, *Alpha Xi;* Executive Secretary, Marie Santee Dunham, *Alpha Iota;* National Treasurer, Myrtle Marshall Holmes, *Alpha Iota;* Collegiate Secretary, Emily Lewis Lee, *Alpha Upsilon;* Alumnæ Secretary, Nelda Francis Crawford, *Alpha;* Editor of *The Triangle,* Josephine Ganson Burr, *Kappa;* N.P.C. Delegate, Mary Hastings Holloway Page, *Alpha.* In accepting highest office, Margaret Dixon told the

. . . contributors to the ongoing history of Tri Sigma. . . . Seated: Rhea Clark Scott and Mabel Lee Walton; standing L to R: Edna vonBerge; Zoe Davis Gose; Mary Matlick; Lilly Edquist Williams; Helen Cokston Devor; Nelda Francis Crawford, Toastmaster; Lucy Wright James and Emily Holloway.

Convention that she spoke from a "heaped high heart" and pledged to continue the business-like administration promised the Sorority by Mabel Lee in 1913 and Mary Hastings Page in 1947.

Later, the traditional Memorial Service was conducted by Margaret Dixon for seventy-five members who had joined Omega Chapter during the triennium. Rhea Clark Scott led the procession to light the first candle in memory of James Miller Leake.

Using the theme of "Portraits." for the Alumnæ Celebrities dinner, Toastmaster Nelda Francis Crawford, Alumnæ Secretary, had prepared a delightful program honoring nine outstanding alumnæ personalities present at Convention. A large golden picture frame stood on an easel and as each alumna was introduced she stood framed for the assembly to admire. Those called forward as contributors to the ongoing history of Tri Sigma were: Founder Lucy Wright James, *Alpha;* First National President Rhea Clark Scott, *Alpha;* President Emerita Mabel Lee Walton, *Gamma;* C.A.C. supreme for forty years, Emily Walton Holloway, *Gamma;* Grand Vice President Helen Cookston Devor, *Kappa;* former National Chairman of Examinations and Pledge Studies and Gates Award winner Zoe Davis Gose, *Iota;* former Directory Chairman Mary Matlick, *Mu;* former Grand Secretary Hazel Root Geer, *Omicron;* three time Convention Chairman Lilly Edquist Williams, *Iota;* and veteran Song Book Chairman Edna von Berge, *Kappa.* A surprise resolution

. . . twenty years twin Sigmas. . . .

saluted the 20th anniversay of the meeting at the 1936 Convention of Mary Eileen Maloney Dobson, *Tau,* and Mary Hastings Holloway Page, *Alpha* twin-Sigmas ever since!

Then Mary Pallay Covell, *Phi,* was honored as recipient of the Emily Gates Alumna Achievement Award for her outstanding work with deaf children. Other alumnæ awards were announced—among them the Golden Violet Award, established April 16, 1954, in honor of Mabel Lee Walton, on the 50th Anniversary of her initiation date, to recognize Tri Sigmas of 50 years standing who have proved steadfast loyalty through the years. At this Convention, Emily Walton Holloway, *Gamma* chapter, 1906, received her Golden Violet in person from the National President—her daughter, Mary Hastings! What a happy, historic moment for them both, one likely to be unique in the annals of ΣΣΣ. Milwaukee Alumnæ Chapter was named winner of the annual Outstanding Chapter Citation; *The Triangle* Award went to Alice Cox Adams, *Alpha Mu,* for the best reporting of Dallas Alumnæ Chapter's news; and the Chapter Alumnæ Chairman citation was awarded to Norma Beuter Larson, *Beta Alpha,* who was destined soon to give even wider service to Tri Σ.

. . . a happy historic moment. . . .

Model ceremonials, according to tradition, filled the evening, climaxed with the Triangle Degree ritual when the Executive Council initiated Millicent King, *Alpha Chi,* chosen as Honor Pledge, into the national bonds of sisterhood. Over the heart of this newest Tri Sigma was pinned the National President's diamond badge. Then "Stately and Royal" soared forth from the Tri Sigma circle in a joyous closing hymn—for a Sunday filled with "laurels of eternal verdure" of honors won, of memory ever-green, of eternal beauty, and of the power of steadfast love.

MONDAY, July 2, . . . *"the greatest happiness for the greatest numbers. . . ."*

This last full day of Convention saw the governing body of the Sorority actively engaged in passing resolutions and in lively sessions which featured a citizenship forum with group dynamics on "Tri Sigmas in Today's World," conducted by the National Program Chairman, Eddie Schmidt, *Xi;* a Sorority Education Workshop moderated by the National Vice-President, Marilynn Kinsella; and a well-charted presentation by the National Treasurer, Mar-

garet Dixon, of the Sorority's financial condition and operating budget. At this time Convention voted to establish a retirement fund for an Executive Secretary of 25 year's service and also approved the next triennium's budget. Action had already been taken to provide a volume of the History for each initiate through an inclusive initiation fee. The Convention had also voted to award a citation and autographed copy of the History to F. R. Brandherm of the Banta Publishing Company for his assistance in publication of the volume.

One of the most forward looking and timely considerations of the Convention was presented by Helen Cartwright, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, following a discussion on standards during the morning, as follows:

Whereas it has always been a principle of Σ Σ Σ for its members to uphold enduring ideals as exemplified in the ritual of the Sorority and to maintain high social standards in personal and group conduct as a part of its unique contribution to the lives of its members; and

Whereas, as a worthy Σ Σ Σ, each member is expected to set an example which reflects creditably upon her college, her chapter, and her Sorority by conducting herself in all places and at all times in a manner above reproach;

Therefore, be it resolved that Convention go on record as re-emphasizing these principles which form an indispensable foundation for the dignity and value of Σ Σ Σ as a representative Greek-letter society.

Unanimously adopted was this standards policy. College delegates were enthusiastic, declaring this statement would help them meet current problems and conditions on the campus. The Council agreed to send a copy to Deans of Women at colleges where Σ Σ Σ chapters are established.

. . . time for a Sigma Swim. . . .

Midday there was a Skyline buffet luncheon, and for relaxation time for a Sigma Swim was even fitted into this well scheduled day! Separate collegiate and alumnæ round tables occupied most of the afternoon after adjournment of a brief seventh session.

That evening the elegant Rainbow Banquet turned the dining room into a brilliant "rainbow-land" in technicolor. Pots of gold on every table were reached by streamers of bright ribbons. Honoring the retiring National President, Mary Hastings Page, as one who "was born to the purple but knows all the colors", the beautifully coordinated program planned by Mary Eileen Dobson as Toastmaster proceeded in a magical panorama of poised speakers. Each represented a different color of the rainbow in paying tribute to the leadership of their co-worker and her dedication.

After a "Rainbow Song" by Helen Trahan, *Alpha Mu,* Nelda Crawford stood in a violet light to speak of the "rich purple that deepens" for alumnæ in sorority life; Emily Lee spoke for blue, the ongoing college chapters who represent youth and true-blue loyalty; Marilynn Kinsella spoke for pledges of Tri Sigma whose budding promise brings to mind the green of the rainbow; Lucille Morrison standing in a golden beam spoke for national officers and past leaders grateful to Hastings for preserving and brightening the gold of the Sorority's heritage; "Santy" Dunham compared the color orange to business efficiency and expressed appreciation for concentrated work in office as well as inspiration and leadership; Myrtle Holmes symbolized red as the color of courage necessary to fulfill promises made; the last toast for all colors was given by Margaret Dixon for all Tri Sigmas.

Between courses of the delicious banquet, Lucy Wright James, Founder, and Margaret Dixon, incoming president, had presented to Mary Hastings Page, a royal purple "squaw dress" from "The Sigma Tribe" at the Estes Park Convention, and a pair of silver candlebra chosen by the Executive Council for the Sorority in appreciation of her nine years of service as National President.

Shared happiness reaches a peak during the awarding of citations of merit, trophies and gifts of appreciation by the heads of each sorority department to the thrilled delegates of winning college chapters. (See Award Winners chapter.) Honor Roll Chapters for the triennium on Annual Chapter Examination were given recognition. The loving cup for Executive Council service was presented to Emily Lewis Lee, Collegiate Secretary, and Pauline Childers, veteran Convention Director, received a special gift together with the thanks of the entire Convention for her expert planning and endeavors; Alta Tillotson, *Sigma,* artistic Denver Alumnæ Chapter member in charge of flowers and responsible for the effective rainbow decorations at the final banquet as Chairman of General Arrangements, was given a gift of appreciation, also.

On this happy occasion the Convention Choir with their singing of Sigma songs and a choral reading of "Sigma Symphony," led by gifted Virginia Emrich, more than proved her claim that a fine chorus can be developed within a short time.

Immediately following the banquet, installation of the new Executive Council was conducted by Mabel Lee Walton and Rhea Clark Scott, past

National Presidents, in a deeply impressive ceremony. Margaret Freeman Dixon now wore the sparkling diamond badge as National President. Congratulations were enthusiastic and warmhearted, inspiring the new Council to do its best.

TUESDAY, July 3 . . . *"They must upward still, and onward. . . ."*

Seriously observed during the last morning of Convention was this final quotation taken from the History volume. All minds and hearts were attuned to complete this Convention's business and to begin the new triennium's work lying ahead.

After the gavel was presented by Mrs. Page to the new National President, Margaret Dixon, the Opening Prayer was said, roll called, minutes of the Monday sessions read and approved, appointments of National Chairmen, the Chapter Alumnæ Chairman, and Chairmen of Alumnæ Advisory Boards announced. Then the Missouri Tri Sigmas emphasized their invitation to hold the next Convention in St. Louis at the Chase Hotel by leading an enthusiastic parade around the hall.

Among important business reserved for this final session was the appointment of Mabel Lee Walton as President Emerita of the Sorority. Then Courtesy Resolutions were adopted. The many individual officers and alumnæ who had so successfully carried out assignments for the History Convention were again commended by the immediate past National President, who presented tokens of the Sorority's gratitude for work faithfully accomplished by the Convention Marshal, Muriel Minard; the Editor of *The Angle,* Margaret Schwein, Convention Song Leader, Virginia Emrich; Art Director, in charge of special exhibits, Rachel Kyle. Mary Hastings Page also expressed appreciation again for the beautiful Rainbow Banquet and the surprise gifts from "The Sigma Tribe." Concluding her farewell remarks by re-emphasizing her faith in Tri Sigma's future, she quoted the poem used to highlight the new horizons ending of the 1939 Colorado Convention, *"The Strong Go On. . . ."*

The new National President spoke of her confidence in the Sorority's dedicated officers and chapters, who would faithfully carry out their responsibilities. The Closing Prayer . . . and then the gavel fell.

After a flurry of goodbyes, two busloads of Colorado sightseers were off on the Trail Ridge Road to Grand Lake on a post Convention tour arranged by Isabelle Marselle, *Tau,* of the efficient Denver Alumnæ Hostess Chapter.

Thus ended the History Convention! The thrill of meeting some of the history-makers, the early leaders and personalities, had added inspiration beyond measure. For some it would be their last Convention. . . . The special events, the pride, the fun, the work, the many gay and happy moments would be memories reflected on the pages of *The Angle,* so capably edited by Margaret Reed Schwein, *Alpha Gamma,* giving tangible reminder of all these glorious Sigma days together.

. . . new National President Margaret Dixon and Convention Director Pauline Childers. . . . of the efficient Denver Alumnæ Hostess Chapter

Every Convention has a flavor, an atmosphere, achievements particularly and uniquely its own. Of this heartwarming History Convention in view of the towering Rocky Mountains, it would be said that harmony of thought on the questions of the day and closeness of heart on all occasions among college and alumnæ delegates and the national officers who serve the whole sorority were a priceless expression of sisterhood.

Such a spirit of unity promised well for a smooth transition to new leadership and the steady ongoing of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

The Twenty-fifth, 1959, St. Louis

"The Pursuit of Excellence Convention"

"Meet Me In St. Louis!" This was the Sigma byline for three swiftly moving years. Now those meeting as old Tri Sigma friends or new were to have a completely delightful experience at the elegant Chase-Park Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri. Under the direction of expert Convention Chairman Ida Belle Appleby Dowdell, *Rho,* and her able assistant Joan Markmann Atkins, *Alpha Lambda,* assisted by the gracious St. Louis alumnæ and collegiate hostesses, with a cooperative hotel staff experienced in handling Conventions, the Twenty-fifth National Convention of Sigma Sigma Sigma proved to be a study in smooth operation. The summer issue of *The Triangle* reported it beautifully day by day with many candid camera pictures. Superb arrangements, ideal facilities, and dependable service blended to give a perfect Convention background.

Margaret Freeman Dixon, National President, at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, June 27, sounded the gavel to signal the beginning of four and one-half truly memorable Sigma days. Following the Invocation by the Reverend John F. Putney, Vicar of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in St. Louis, Millicent King, *Alpha Chi,* Assistant Convention Song Leader, sang "Opening Song." Tri Sigmas were cordially welcomed to St. Louis by Kay Doss Frei, *Alpha Lambda,* president of St. Louis No. 2 Alumnæ Chapter, to which Lynn Larson, *Lambda,* responded with enthusiasm.

Mildred Sandison Fenner, *Alpha Epsilon,* Tri Sigma's own, Editor of the *National Education Association Journal,* largest professional magazine in the world, challenged all present with an outstanding keynote address en-

titled "Profiles in Excellence." She told the Convention, "Each of us either makes things happen, watches things happen, or does not know things are happening. Only by being the kind of people who make things happen can we help assure a wise course of action by our country . . . we must make decisions and act . . . all of us mean to use our time and energy well, but often we dissipate our action in verbalized intentions . . . we can accept the challenge of our times in the spirit of Rupert Brooke, who said, 'Now God be thanked who has matched us with this hour'."

. . . Tri Sigma's own. . . .
Mildred Sandison Fenner, A E, *1958 Gates winner, Editor of NEA Journal. . . .*

In closing the first session the National President decreed: "Together with open mind and heart we will gain greater knowledge and appreciation of the whole that is Tri Sigma. We will find the way of greatest good for our sorority now, as Conventions have in the past. . . . We will go onward and upward in the ageless search for the highest."

With great pleasure Tri Sigma welcomed Mrs. Darrell R. Nordwall, Alpha Chi Omega, the Chairman of National Panhellenic Conference, to St. Louis to highlight the Panhellenic program at 4:00 P.M. The N.P.C. Delegate, Mary Hastings Page, presided and introduced City Panhellenic guests, who attended, as representatives of their respective N.P.C. fraternities, to hear Mrs. Nordwall speak on "Our Greek Heritage of Excellence." Reviewing the Greek tradition upon which the fraternity system is built, Mrs. Nordwall discussed the special points fundamental to fraternity ideals: "The first is, of course, their passion for truth and knowledge—their eager drive for learning.

"The second is their zest for living. In *The Greek Way to Western Civilization,* Edith Hamilton says, 'To rejoice in life, to find the world beautiful and delightful to live in was a mark of the Greek spirit.'

"The third was their devotion to freedom and the principles of democracy and their concern for the common good, the welfare of the citizens of their city states.

"The last, and the one which gives meaning to them all is *Excellence;* Excellence, a popular word in educational circles today, but an even more important one in the world of the Greek. May I quote from Miss Hamilton? 'In Greece there was no dominating church or creed, but there was a dominating ideal which everyone would want to pursue if they caught sight of it.

Different men saw it differently. It was one thing to an artist, another to a warrior. *Excellence* is the nearest equivalent we have to the word they commonly used for it, but it meant much more than that. It was the utmost perfection possible, the very best and highest a man could attain to, which . . . when perceived, always has a compelling authority. A man MUST strive to attain it. . . . To win it required all that one can give.'

"This passion for truth and knowledge can be exercised through diligence in our studies . . . therefore we should be diligent . . . but what has happened to our enthusiasm, our curiosity?

"The test of that diligence is to be found in the grades we receive, therefore good grades are our criteria. But it is when grades and grades alone become the goal that matters go from bad to worse . . . the side stepping of a difficult course because of a possible poor grade . . . the unethical assist because the grade, not the knowledge of the course, has become the sought object. . . .

"In a world which needs excellence, good enough to pass becomes failure, if we can do better. Let us hark back to the authentic Ancient Greek passion for truth and knowledge which attracted our founders and regain—if we have lost it—the enthusiasm, the curosity, the freshness of vision that makes learning the exciting business it should be.

"In addition to wanting to know more about themselves and the world in which they lived, the ancient Greeks felt life was fun—to be lived with grace and beauty. Not besotted idiots with congenital optimism, but people of courage who could accept the cruel facts of existence and still find beauty and serenity. And who is to say that the cruel facts we face today are any more terrible than the threat of the Persians was to the Greeks?

"They had fun, they played games, but the laurel wreath was reward enough . . . and their fun was in keeping with a beautiful life . . . how do our fun things line up with this ideal? How authentic are they?

"The Greeks apparently never lacked enthusiasm for anything they did, for they displayed this same quality in regard to their interest in freedom and the democratic idea. No discussion of fraternity can go far today without mentioning the democratic way in which it operates, but here again we need to examine our behavior. Democracy implies the active participation of everyone. A dynamic relationship is one in which each person pools his or her best thinking with a willingness to listen and learn from one another. Emerson said, 'A group thinking together may reach conclusions beyond the ability of any one of the group.' "

She concluded, "As you work and play, may you catch sight of the *Excellence* which will become the compelling power in your life—as it has in the life of Tri Sigma, your fraternity."

A lovely Panhellenic reception followed with Mrs. Nordwall, the N.P.C. Chairman, and Mildred Fenner of the National Education Association as guests of honor in the receiving line.

The Premiere Dinner, arranged by Toastmaster Glenny Lee Castagnos,

Alpha Mu, Gulf Regional Collegiate Director, presented the captivating history of St. Louis, center of water routes from all parts of the United States. A regional emphasis was given when Tri Sigmas in that lovely room carried out an adaptation of Convention's candle lighting ceremony.

. . . with the N.P.C. Chairman. . . . Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Nordwall, Mrs. Page.

Mrs. Nordwall was at the head table, and two other special guests of honor were welcomed when Mrs. Fred M. Sharp, past National President of Alpha Sigma Sigma, longtime friend of Mabel Lee Walton's through many years of interfraternity work together, and Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., Chief of Pediatrics at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill, were introduced. It was a privilege for the Sigmas to hear Mrs. Sharp's response. With charming earnestness she spoke of the love and esteem she has held for the Tri Sigma national officers, a "feeling that was born twenty-eight years ago when I first met Mabel Lee Walton," she said. "A national fraternity convention has been defined as the spirit, the voice and the will of the national fraternity. I shall cherish this wonderfully happy experience of being with you during the opening sessions of Sigma Sigma Sigma's twenty-fifth National Convention all the more because I am not unacquainted with the spirit, the voice, and the will of Tri Sigma." Mrs. Sharp referred to her talk at the 1936 Regional Meeting held in Wichita, Kansas carrying out the theme "Go Onward, Sigma." She stated, "Familiar words to you—'Go onward, Sigma.' That you have done in the intervening years. That, my friends in Sigma Sigma Sigma, you will continue to do in proportion to your faithfulness to the patterns that have been set and the teaching dear to your Sigma hearts.

"It seems to me that this is a time when the very integrity of fraterniy principles is being tested in very definite ways. Surely fraternity membership is not a garment to be casually worn and lightly cast aside, or basically changed as styles in clothing change. Fraternity deals in lasting values, in fidelity to one's promises within her own fraternity. It would be presumptuous of me to suggest that you daily fulfill your promises to Sigma Sigma Sigma. I can say that therein will proudly abide the qualities of strength and honor that have characterized Tri Sigma through the years.

"Centuries ago a king made a kingly statement about a woman dear to his heart. He said, 'Strength and honor are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come.' Strength and honor—not the strength of size, not physical or material strength, but an inner strength of the spirit born of integrity and

truth and nurtured by allegiance to ideals. Tonight, Tri Sigmas, may I prophesy for your fraternity and for each of you: 'If strength and honor are your clothing, you shall rejoice in time to come!' "

Crowning event of this opening day was the ceremonious hanging of the shields by fifty-four proud collegiate delegates, testifying that all were present and proud of the chapter's record.

Sigmas always have time for fun, and so it was that Boomerangs topped the evening by attending their secret ritual of the Boomerang Buzz, conducted as usual by Margaret Reid Schwein, *Alpha Gamma*, their leader and originator. Novices were initiated to Convention at the First Timer's Bizz. Mabel Lee, in a wheel chair for this Convention, but smiling as always, attended all main events.

Mabel Lee . . . attended main events. . . .

Sunday morning found Sigmas following Lucy Harwood Mills, *Alpha Omicron*, to famed Forest Park across the busy boulevard from The Chase Hotel, where they shared a memorable Inspiration Hour in the early morning.

An interested audience listened to Margaret Dixon's triennial report. It was good to review the steady progress, the continuing march in the pursuit of the excellent for Tri Sigma. The National President said, in part:

"Possibly the two highlights of the triennium were the reverent and grateful sixtieth anniversary celebration of our beloved order's founding, and the soul-stirring dedication of The Children's Room at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital. . . .

"August, 1958, brought another historic and important event, the National Leadership School, a meeting of regions, at the University of Illinois. Techniques of leadership, particularly Tri Sigma leadership, were explored thoroughly. The strengthening and enlarging of the national organizational structure led us to the permanent regional system.

"As first time Convention delegates we greet *Beta Chi* chapter at Queens College, Flushing, New York; *Beta Psi* Chapter at Youngstown University, Youngstown, Ohio; and *Gamma Alpha* Chapter at the University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois. Total Sigma membership now registers more than 22,300.

"We say with Edison, 'Yesterday's triumph is insignificant in the excitement of tomorrow's possibilities.' With our eyes on the stars, recognizing the hour's realities and challenges, we will together go *Onward in the Pursuit of Excellence.* Tri Sigma's yearning for excellence, its commitment to the highest, is our heritage from 1898. The road of life leads ever onward and tomorrow's possibilities are limited only by our faith, hope and love."

Sunday's business sessions revolved around progress reports by Lucille Amesse Morrison, *Omicron,* retiring Robbie Page Memorial Chairman, and Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., of the North Carolina Memorial Hospital, guest of the Sorority at this Convention. The presentation of colored slides graphically showing construction and location of The Children's Room, narrated by Margaret Moore, *Alpha Upsilon,* was hailed with spontaneous enthusiasm and appreciation. Collegiates and alumnæ were awed and justifiably pleased with the tangible evidence of what had been accomplished by working together toward a common goal. Construction of The Children's Room had been made possible by the combined generosity of Tri Sigma members and friends whose donations totaled more than enough to initiate the project.

. . . working together toward a common goal. . . Lucille Morrison, Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Margaret Moore, Norma Kitchen

Unanimous adoption of a resolution to raise an additional $25,000 during the next triennium to enclose the seventh floor west wing sundeck at the hospital as an isolation area for babies and young children thrilled the convention. Indeed through the Robbie Page Memorial *Sigma serves children.*

The Collegiate Secretary reviewed plans for the regional program and presented the following Regional Collegiate Directors (R.C.D.'s) to the Convention body: Janet Hiner Way, *Lambda,* Appalachian; Frances Mottey Beck, *Lambda,* Central; Mary Jane Lynch, *Alpha Beta,* Eastern Seaboard; Margery Gabel Nelson, *Beta Alpha,* Great Lakes; Joan Baker Shearer, *Chi,* Great Plains; Glenny Lee Castagnos, *Alpha Mu,* Gulf; Joan Markmann Atkins, *Alpha Lambda,* Missouri Valley; Kathryn Dixon Maple, *Kappa,* Ohio Valley; Helen Marie Eggert Snyder, *Alpha Xi,* North Central; Natalie McDivitt Brock, *Beta Mu,* Ozark; and Laura Sauberli Zachmann, *Alpha Gamma,* Rocky Mountain.

The success of the initial year of the collegiate regional program had paved the way for an expanded regional alumnæ program. This plan in-

troduced by the Alumnæ Secretary who in turn presented the seven Regional Alumnæ Directors (R.A.D.s): Muriel Jenkins Minard, *Alpha Tau,* Region I; Evelyn Bone Bennet, *Kappa,* Region II; Barbara Sales McKinzie, *Alpha Iota,* Region III; Lois Cameron Cesner, *Kappa,* Region IV; Virginia Whetstone McCrush, *Zeta,* Region V; Mildred Yount Huber, *Lambda,* Region VI; and Nelda Francis Crawford, *Alpha,* Region VII.

Each meal was a pleasure to anticipate. Cuisine and service were superb, but best of all were the programs, favors, and personalities which made each spectacular. Nelda Crawford's natural charm as Toastmaster of the Alumnæ Celebrities dinner made this Alumnæ Day particularly memorable for Buffalo, Kirksville, St. Louis No. 1, and Warrensburg alumnæ chapters, all with forty year old national charters. Their delegates were presented birthday cakes. It was pointed out that Margaret Dixon celebrated an anniversary, too, for it was just twenty years since she had been acclaimed honor initiate at the 1939 Convention. At this time *The Triangle* awards for outstanding contributions went to Mona Markham Ruttman, *Chi,* Chapter Alumnæ Chairman; Barbara May, *Beta Epsilon,* Collegiate *Triangle* Correspondent; and Madoline Ward Westhoff, *Mu,* Alumnæ *Triangle* Correspondent. Bringing honor to Alpha Upsilon chapter as well as to herself astonished Margaret Moore, *Alpha Upsilon,* when she was named Emily Gates Award winner.

. . . Sigma-nificant quilt. . . .

Mildred Fenner had the enviable thrill of announcing, "Now you have our love to keep you warm, dear Mabel Lee—" as she presented the Sigma-nificant purple and white quilt which had been hand embroidered in violets by national officers and in original local chapter motif by collegiates representing their chapters. For her numerous contributions to Sigma singing, Edna vonBerge, *Kappa,* former Song Book Chairman, was presented a scroll, bearing the dedication to her which would appear in the new edition of *Songs Sigmas Sing.*

Especially does the beauty of ceremonials thrill participants at Convention when sisters from all chapters, ideally representing the national sisterhood, join heart and hand. Never did a room lend itself more perfectly to this than the enormous Khorassan Ballroom with its twinkling starburst chande-

liers and classicly draped walls. In this magnificent setting Martha Schmitt, *Sigma,* Honor Pledge and real sister of the National Vice-President, was given the Triangle Degree in a ceremony conducted by Executive Council. This return to the altars proved to be, for many, the high point of Convention. Collegiate chapter leaders were imbued with new visions of perfection for conducting chapter ceremonials.

Convention Secretary Barbara McKenzie diligently recorded Convention business. The excellent participation of the chapter delegates and careful consideration given to matters of importance made the Council and others present beam with pride. Delegates agreed, after thorough evaluation of the matter of scholarship, to strive for better than average scholastic achievement in order to insure strong, creditable chapters. An 82% scholastic requirement was set, consequently, for initiation and chapter participation. In order to maintain Tri Sigma's financial stability, it was agreed to increase the financial revenue by raising the initiation fee. Each matter in turn was thoroughly explored.

. . . Honor Pledge and real sister. . . .

Dynamic discussions, panels, and workshops filled each delegate's notebook with ideas galore for the year ahead. New understanding was reached and goals were set; delegates listened intently, vowing to carry back to their chapters the spirit of Convention and of Tri Sigma itself.

The impressive installation of Executive Council, unanimously elected to carry the responsibility for guiding Tri Sigma through the next triennium, was conducted by Mabel Lee Walton, *Gamma,* President Emerita, assisted by Mary Hastings Page, immediate past President. With Nelda Crawford retiring as Alumnæ Secretary (replaced by Emily Lewis Lee), Lucy Harwood Mills as Collegiate Secretary was the only new Council officer. Otherwise the Council remained the same for Norma Larson had been elected by the Council to complete the triennium as Editor in 1958—Margaret Freeman Dixon, *National President; Marilynn Schmitt Kinsella, Vice-President;* Marie Santee Dunham, *Executive Secretary;* Myrtle Marshall Holmes, *Treasurer;* Lucy Harwood Mills, *Collegiate Secretary;* Emily Lewis Lee, *Alumnæ Secretary;* Mary Hastings Holloway Page, *National Panhellenic Delegate;* and Norma Beuter Larson, *Editor.*

The fun times popped in here and there—the National President's party for chapter delegates, a swim at the inviting Chase pool, the Sigma Sings, the clever luncheons, the excursion to the Muni Opera for a backstage box supper and a performance of "Oh Capitan," the Patriotic Luncheon where

. . . The Sigma Sings. . . .

"Dixie" received Convention's gift of a golden bracelet in tribute to a capable National President, the hilarious Sigma Skittles, the midnight buzz sessions that just couldn't wait—all these and more. But all agreed that THE social highlight was the regal final banquet. Toastmaster and creator of the program, "Stars for Our Intentions," Marilynn Kinsella escorted all Sigma guests up the magical stairway to the stars.

Stardust settled on those special chapters claiming one of the coveted awards. The very atmosphere was electric with each suspenseful announcement. Alpha Iota Chapter claimed the Annual Chapter Examination trophy; Alpha Kappa's delegate, Barbara Roy, proudly received the Efficiency trophy; the triennial Pledge Program award went to Omicron Chapter; and for maintaining first place Panhellenic ranking throughout the the triennium Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Gamma, and Beta Epsilon received Scholarship Awards. For the largest per capita donation to the Robbie Page Memorial Fund, Beta Psi received a silver tray, while Psi Chapter received a citation for outstanding local and national performance in the field of

. . . gifts of appreciation to Ida Belle Dowdell and Joan Atkins. . . .

Robbie Page Memorial service. Beta Chi received honors for the song of the triennium. Linda Quinn, *Alpha Phi*, was declared Mabel Lee Walton Leadership Award winner. Retiring Alumnæ Secretary, Nelda Crawford, was presented a crested Sigma ring, and both she and the National President were awarded silver loving cups for six or more dedicated years of Council service. Ida Belle Dowdell, efficient Convention Chairman and her assistant Joan Atkins, were presented gifts of appreciation, too. Never was there a smoother Convention than this!

The last day came all too soon! But not before bouquets of violets were awarded during the final moments of Convention. Gracious Donna Cypret, *Beta Mu*, was voted Tri Sigma Girl by the Convention collegiate delegates; Beta Kappa proved to be the chapter with the most Sigma miles traveled to its credit. *The Angle* staff members with their editor Phyllis McIntyre, *Beta Zeta*, and the hard working and efficient Registration Committee headed by Mildred Morrison, *Alpha Nu*, made a final appearance. Perhaps it would be appropriate to mention that the biggest surprise of all was on *The Angle* staff when they were informed that the final big edition would not be ready for distribution until *after* adjournment because of printshop delays! Thus Conventioneers could anticipate a printed summary of Convention in their mail boxes.

Convention efficiently dispatched its final business that last morning.

. . . during the final moments . . .

Norma Beuter Larson, Editor, Nelda Francis Crawford, Regional Alumnæ Director, Emily Lewis Lee, Alumnæ Secretary, Myrtle Marshall Holmes, National Treasurer, Marilynn Schmitt Kinsella, Vice-President, Margaret Freeman Dixon, National President, Marie Santee Dunham, Executive Secretary, Lucy Harwood Mills, Collegiate Secretary, and Mary Hastings Holloway Page, National Panhellenic Conference Delegate.

. . . Gulf Region Sigmas hopefully promoted. . . .

When at twelve noon the twenty-fifth National Convention adjourned, it was to send eager, informed delegates back to their own campuses with heart and mind focused on the stars. Sadness at parting was eased by promises to meet again in '62, when next Sigmas would assemble for Convention. Where to? Gulf Region Sigmas hopefully promoted the deep South!

There is never a finale—just a recess—until the next anticipated, necessary and wonderful Tri Sigma Convention!

The Twenty-sixth, 1962, Biloxi, Mississippi

"The Keeping the Faith Convention"

So put me on that Dixie plane, aheadin' for Biloxi. . . .
Convention in Biloxi, with seagulls a-flyin'
With Gulf shrimp a-fryin'
Let's all go there!
Sigmas a-meetin', old friends a-greetin'
Let's all go there!

The Convention song, introduced at the 1961 Regional Meets, hummed a background rhythm for train and car wheels or the jet roar of "that Dixie plane," carrying lucky Biloxi-bound Tri Sigmas to a rendevous planned twenty years earlier. For this Convention in 1962 was to fulfill a commitment originally made for 1942 when Mabel Lee Walton was National President. Many a Sigma was ready then to go to Convention in Biloxi on

the Gulf of Mexico, at the Buena Vista Hotel, a site deservedly famous for atmosphere, facilities, and food. Unhappily the war intervened. Yet plans for a Convention in Biloxi were not forgotten. "Y'all come!" the hospitable Gulf Region collegiates and alumnæ at the 1959 Convention had urged. And finally Tri Sigmas did!

Hi Y'all!

As the National Historian, Lucille Amesse Morrison, *Omicron,* phrased it: "June 29-July 3 was the time, the Buena Vista in Biloxi the place, 'Keeping the Faith' our theme, and we were there as instruments of history for a wonderful and eventful twenty-sixth National Convention." Lucille's delightful vignettes from *The Years Remembered* keynoted each day's theme of Commitment to Ideals, to Country, to God, to Tri Sigma, and to the Future. Her own enthusiasm and dramatic flair for making history personal were contagious to the Sigmas who rejoiced in being present to make more Tri Sigma history with her!

HI Y'ALL! . . . Arrival time at Convention is always exciting in the "meetin' and greetin'" of old friends, and the beginning, oh so easily, to make new ones. As Sigmas gathered at the Buena Vista on a balmy Friday morning, they were struck by the beauty of quiet grey-blue Gulf waters, hibiscus and crepe myrtle in bloom, and most of all by the magnificent live oaks, "bearded with moss and in garments green." This could be only "deep South" country, as typical as the softly accented voices of welcoming hostess chapter Tri Sigmas from Rho, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Mu, and Gamma

. . . warm Sigma welcome. . . .

. . . helpful Marie Dunham, Madge Towell and Mildred Morrison. . . .

Eta. Also, Alpha Sigma, whose members, in their billowing ante-bellum gowns, twirling their paraosols, stood by the verandah doors to give warm Sigma welcome to new arrivals, a welcome repeated in the large sign over the hotel entrance.

More greetings awaited at the registration table from helpful Marie Dunham, *Alpha Iota,* Executive Secretary, Madge Towell, *Alpha Omicron,* Assistant to the National Treasurer, and Mildred Morrison, *Alpha Nu,* National Scholarship Chairman. Each registrant was pleased to be handed a so useful straw "tote bag," decorated with purple ribbons and violets, brimming with Convention program data.

Soon it was time for the Mardi Gras buffet luncheon, hostessed by gorgeously costumed Gamma Etas from New Orleans. This feast to behold gave hungry travelers their first taste of delectable Buena Vista cuisine.

Immediately following at 1:30 P.M. the Convention was formally opened when in traditional ceremony the Convention Chairman, Ida Belle Appleby Dowdell, *Rho,* presented the gavel to the National President, Margaret Freeman Dixon, *Sigma.* "Welcome Song," composed by *Beta Mu* Chapter, was sung by the Convention Choir under the talented direction of Millicent King Emerson, *Alpha Chi,* National Music Chairman. The Choir and outstanding Sigma soloists

. . . the Convention Chairman presented the gavel. . . .

added greatly to the enjoyment each day of the Convention, as did "Millie's" own lovely voice. She sang "Opening Song" on this occasion after the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Hazel Overall English, *Alpha Sigma,* Hattiesburg Alumnæ Chapter President, then welcomed the Convention of Tri Sigmas and Beverly Traub, *Beta Iota,* responded. A thrilling moment came when the National President made formal presentation of nine collegiate chapter charters—two reinstating *Rho* and *Beta Delta* and seven to new chapters installed during the triennium: *Gamma Beta, Gamma Gamma, Gamma Delta, Gamma Zeta, Gamma Epsilon, Gamma Eta,* and *Gamma Theta.* This expansion brought the active collegiate chapter roll to 62 in 1962!

In concluding her remarks the National President said, "Together now in Convention . . . we are charged to prepare the way for the bond we share to continue strong into the beckoning, challenging future. Keep the faith! Sigma Sigma Sigma is YOUR sorority—yours, together with your sisters from 1898, 26,000 strong. Yours now is the opportunity and the responsibility to take courage in keeping the faith—and to bequeath it strengthened to the Future!" "Sigma Symphony" read by Robin Woodward, *Alpha Sigma,* combined with "Our Pledge" sung by the Choir appropriately closed the program.

Attired in white for ceremonials to follow that evening, Tri Sigmas assembled again at 3:30 p.m. for the first business session of Convention in the Hurricane Room. Convention Marshal Mary Jo Foster Clark, *Nu,* escorted the Executive Council in the customary Processional. After introductions of Council and other national officers, the roll of alumnæ and collegiate delegates was called and the delegates seated. When each collegiate delegate spoke at the traditional Hanging of the Chapter Shields she had an appreciative audience. Everyone thrilled with awareness of the national sorority's scope and unity on hearing distinctive reasons for chapter pride in Robbie Page Memorial national and local activities, various campus honors, and impressive achievements in scholarship. Action of the Convention three years before in raising scholarship standards for collegiates was thus proven worthwhile, and the generous, kind hearts of Tri Sigma youth revealed in their own words from the Convention platform.

JUST SEEING MABEL LEE. . . . Preceding the Premiere Dinner, the Executive Council reception gave bright-eyed collegiates a personal greeting from the sorority leaders they had read about and heard from throughout their Sigma lives. Alumnæ always enjoy this chance to chat, too. For many Sigmas it was the first time to meet Mabel Lee Walton, National President Emerita. What a wonderful experience that is!

The ever-current talk of a gap of understanding between generations and lessening of respect for elders is never heard nor felt at a Tri Sigma gathering. Instead mutual appreciation is warmly in evidence. The Sigma girls crowded

Mabel Lee . . . escorted by honor initiates . . . Jane Ikenberry and Carol Dixon

around Mabel Lee lovingly at every opportunity and they were truly "girls" of all ages. But to the college girls particularly, meeting Mabel Lee was one of the highlights of Convention, mentioned predominantly in the program evaluations on the closing day. There's no doubt the most famous personality at Convention was Mabel Lee, crippled with arthritis, going about altogether now in a wheel chair, but with indomitable will and the same heart-warming smile and sparkling eyes. She had come with difficulty, but how fortunate that she came, for the spirit of this Convention truly radiated around and from Mabel Lee, whose quick sense of humor and keen understanding delighted everyone as it always has. Escorted by the two honor initiates, her attendance at most of the social affairs and at business sessons, where she sat near the Council platform facing the delegates whose reactions she could thus see and hear perfectly, was memorable inspiration to all the "Tri Sigmas ever young." Just seeing Mabel Lee there, even though often through a rainbow of grateful tears, gave a feeling of deep confidence, of happiness, of all's right with the Sigma world.

PORTS OF CALL. . . . Very festive was the Premiere Dinner in the Lotus Room that Friday night with a typically Southern menu featuring fried chicken and hot biscuits. Martha Traser Davis, *Beta Epsilon,* Regional Alumnæ Director from Phoenix, lovely in an Arizona fiesta dress of white and silver, had charge of the program. The guest of honor introduced by the National President was Ivah O. Wilber, *Alpha Sigma,* Dean of Women at the University of Southern

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Dean Ivah O. Wilber

Mississippi. Her stirring forthright keynote address, "Ports of Call," emphasized the continuing high adventure of Σ Σ Σ commitment. She explored three basic ideals of good college citizenship Tri Sigmas have accepted and are honor bound to pass on to those who follow. Dean Wilber said, in part: "Each adventure has its hazards, each a reaching out for new hope, new places, new goals, realization of ideals and longings. . . . The ports chosen as destinations to be reached have a never ending lure and no matter how many times visited year after year are never thoroughly explored. . . . These Ports of Call are our ideals.

"The first is high standards of scholarship. In today's world of scientific progress and travel into the unknown the mind of man is being challenged to use every resource for study he can find. Sorority women must become identified with the 'life of the mind' to quote Dr. John Nubbard from his address 'An Adventure in Excellence' if they are to justify those stated ideals of high scholastic attainment. . . . Today with the various scholarship exams given so widely it is possible to know the potentional of the prospective rushee. Do you aim for merit scholars? Underneath the pertest head of dancing curls or the provocative Cleopatra look that go through rush may be a thoughtful intellect. Search it out. . . . After you have selected the girl, then do you see that time is allowed for study? Take a good look at your activities and see what your balance is.

"A second Port or ideal in our creed is stated as fine social standards. I'm going to be so old fashioned as to refer to it as conduct becoming a lady. Man has expressed his knowledge that there is a feminine personality. This includes her intellect, her knowledge, and her skills which we have just been talking about, but it also includes her physical traits, not only those seen as size, color of hair (her own or made for her!) but far more important, her temperament, the emotional and affectionate life. We have seen a change on the campus in recent years from playing the field . . . to today's 'dating security'. . . . If you display affection in public you can be sure someone talks about you in private. It is true that there is today on our college campuses much more freedom between sexes than there was in your mother's generation in college. Because this is true, we who say we have high ideals of morals and standards of conduct have some questions to decide for ourselves and to help others find adequate answers. . . . It is the girl upon whom custom has put the responsibility for upholding the moral standards of society. . . . Remember that people like to talk about the sensational. . . . We need our fine organized groups of men and women to set social standards that demonstrate that indiscreet public displays . . . are not inevitable parts of college life.

"The last Port is that of College ideals of student life . . . one of the purposes of the college is to educate in the acquiring of honest and alert citizenship. Today it seems that one of the chinks in the moral armor of American students which is most obvious is that of cheating. . . . Lying and stealing are

problems on most campuses. Honesty is sometimes described as keeping the rules . . . and in general, you expect people to play fair. When someone doesn't he frequently injures everyone else. . . .

"A smooth sea never made a skillful mariner. The voyage may be rough and sometimes it even means taking on a pilot. But upon arrival the view is so satisfying. It takes more than just casual effort to attain goals. It requires an upward and forward thrust which will force us to be our best and to think our best. I challenge you to take a long look at what you have pledged at your altars.

"So, these three then I give to you as Ports of Call: high scholarship, fine social standards, and strength to meet college ideals of student life. To paraphrase Oliver Wendell Holmes—to reach a port of our ideals we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it. But we must sail, and not drift nor lie at anchor."

Then the Historian spoke on *Commitment to Ideals* before Tri Sigmas moved on to share in ceremonials. In reviewing the custom of initiating one or more Honor Pledges at Convention Lucille Morrison with much pleasure announced that Jane Ikenberry, *Beta Delta* pledge, and Carol Dixon, *Sigma* pledge, had been selected the honor initiates of the 1962 Convention. Thus unique history was made as well as repeated when Margaret Freeman Dixon as National President conducted the initiation of her only daughter into the circle of sisterly love, as she herself had been initiated as a Sigma Chapter pledge at the 1939 Convention at Colorado Springs. No one at Biloxi will forget this rare event of touching significance in Tri Sigma annals. *The Triangle* gives account of this high moment as follows:

"The perfect ending of a perfect day came with a return to our altars. From newest initiate to veteran Tri Sigma, we reverently participated in the special initiations. . . . Wanda Haight, *Gamma Eta*, playing her golden harp, transformed the earthly setting into one of heavenly beauty. The renewal of vows rekindled in each heart the true meaning of our Sorority. It was a long white line of rededicated Sigmas that filed from the ceremonials room. As always, new meaning, new beauty, flowed from the repledging of our loyalty."

Indeed successive days were just as full! Cooperation was evident throughout in eager attention to business and concern of all participants. Early Bird Breakfasts called forth both alumnæ and collegiates interested in talking over informally their chapter affairs. Topical tables ranging from rushing, Panhellenic, pledge activities, Alumnæ Advisory Boards, scholarship, alumnæ chapter program, and others were hostessed by national officers to assist in the discussions. Then all attended the pre-session Parliamentary Procedures review given each morning in graphic, stimulating fashion by Doris Hiles Tabor, *Alpha Epsilon*, National Parliamentarian.

The business sessions each day opened with the Tri Sigma Prayer, a song,

roll call, greetings from alumnæ and N.P.C. friends, introductions or special recognition and announcements. Then the business of the day in the usual brimming, fast-moving program that makes every Convention eventful in its accomplishments. Daily the Convention Marshal presented her assistants, the pages. These collegiates, attired in white with wide purple ribband across the shoulder ending with violet bouquet at the waist, are always of service in expediting messages and distribution of material during the sessions. Their efficient manner and "snappy looks" add charm to the meeting hall.

. . . the Convention Marshall presented the Pages. . . .

Efficient, too, in every situation was Ida Belle Dowdell, experienced Convention Chairman, whose witty comments and attractive appearance never failed to impress those enjoying a Convention made smooth by her efforts and those of so many dedicated Sigmas. Barbara Sales McKenzie, *Alpha Iota,* as energetic Assistant Convention Chairman, showed her ability, too, on all occasions. It was their good fortune to work with a hotel cooperative and helpful in every way. The Buena Vista staff itself was most complimentary of the poise and conduct of Tri Sigma guests, especially the collegiates who calmly kept their commitment to the Convention program in spite of repeated invasions from a nearby Air Force base!

Significant Sigmas were introduced at the sessions: Past Council officers—Ida Belle Dowdell (National Secretary), Mary Eileen Dobson (Editor), Nelda Crawford (Alumnæ Secretary), Helen Devor (Vice-President), and Lucille Amesse Morrison (Alumnæ Secretary); four former Parliamentarians

. . . efficient . . . energetic. . . .
Barbara Sales McKenzie, Ida Belle Dowdell

—Teddy Roehsler, *Zeta,* Emma Sloan, *Zeta,* Mildred Huber, *Lambda,* Myrtle Holmes, *Alpha Iota.*

Again the Gift Mart flourished! Conventioneers could purchase a wide variety of Tri Sigma and regional gifts (including famous pralines) for friends and family, for personal souvenirs, with proceeds adding to the Violet Fund. Margaret Allen Waltzer, *Alpha Mu,* of the New Orleans Alumnæ Chapter, was the smiling Gift Mart manager.

Activities of Saturday were keyed to *Commitment to Country* and bright with the red, white, and blue colors of patriotism. In the first business of the day, the National President, Margaret Dixon, presented

. . . The Gift Mart flourished. . . .
Convention initiates: 1956, 1939, 1962, 1962, 1959

the "state of the union" triennial report to the Convention. She paid tribute to Council and appointed officers who have demonstrated traditional Tri Sigma

enthusiasm and constant willingness to *make the time* for important work for the Sorority, and also to alumnæ and collegiate officers and loyal advisers who are sturdy links in this chain of sisterly responsibility. The National President stated, "Let me say as a prelude to all else that it is ever an inspiration to work with and for Tri Sigmas. . . . For the record of the past triennium—of all the proud past as a matter of fact—is directly due to the determined enterprise of all of these: The Council, the national officers, the chapter officers, all Tri Sigmas—working together with understanding and love.

. . . the Executive Council. . . .

"All of us give of ourselves to Sigma Sigma Sigma because we love our Sorority and we believe in it. We have received much. We cannot help wanting to give in some small measure in return for the limitless privilege that is ours."

Commenting on the growth of the Sorority she declared, "While Sigma Sigma Sigma has never been and is not now concerned with 'bigger means better', our Sorority can be proud of being able to provide the benefits of its program for new members in new chapters, of being warmly welcomed to campuses not heretofore served by Tri Sigma chapters. That nine collegiate chapters have been added to our roll since the 1959 Convention attests to the friendship and program which we share." Regretful announcement was made of the withdrawal of the charter of Beta Omicron chapter at Wayne University in the fall of 1959 due to internal weakness and a campus climate not conducive to healthy fraternity development. The National President declared, "Weak chapters require concessions and contributions of time and

financial aid which in all fairness should be distributed to those chapters who maintain good records." With reference to alumnæ chapters she stated those now active total 133 with three alumnæ clubs and with the promise of greater growth with larger numbers of alumnæ each year.

Mrs. Dixon commented on the sound financial position of the Sorority and attainment of the Robbie Page Memorial's goal for the triennium. She discussed the expanded regional system provided for the administration of Tri Sigma affairs as follows: "Concentration of all elected and appointed officers, particularly the Regional Directors and the Collegiate Secretary has gone into regional development during the past three years. The time tested effectiveness of the Standing Committees was retained, supplemented by the efforts and cooperation of regional directors. . . . Now four years after the 1958 inauguration of the expanded system, we have more than a triennium's experience to guide us as we consider the best ways of meeting the needs of the future for Sigma Sigma Sigma. Examination of the record of the regional director system shows that in the main it has proved successful, but in some ways it has fallen short of earnest hopes and expectations. . . . Greatest problem was unavoidable turn-over in personnel. . . . Such changes even though unavoidable are costly in Council time, in chapter rapport, in repetitive officer preparation. Study has been given to possible solutions by all officers and adjustments will be provided for the coming triennium."

Reporting on the Inspections conducted in 1960 by Executive Council officers and on Regional Meets in 1961, the National President covered events that transpired during the triennium. Then she said, in part:

"This is where we stand. We know that the highest point of achievement of yesterday is the starting point today. Here we pause to review and then start forward again, ever onward and upward. . . .

"As we review and as we look ahead we are very much aware that the fraternity idea continues too often under fire. There are those who sneer at lifetime friendship. There are those who assail inherent rights of mutual choice in membership selection. There are institutions where pledging of every person who declares an interest in fraternity membership is forced—if a student who has declared himself interested in pledging is not invited by voluntary action of a fraternity, then he is *assigned* to a fraternity. Is this voluntary association? There are deadlines demanding that sororities and fraternities 'prove by the composition of their membership that they do not discriminate in the selection of new members.' . . .

"Although we have not been directly involved, we know these events affect us—for we are a part of the fraternity system, and our fate is bound up with its fate. We dare not just *assume* that sororities will be a part of future educational privileges. The assault upon their rights, and the traditional rights of all Americans, is too demanding. To flourish, the fraternity ideal requires the understanding commitment of all fraternity members.

"Each one of us, as sorority members—each member of any sorority or fraternity—has a very real part in determining the future of the entire fraternity system. You represent the Sorority. *You* translate to action Tri Sigma ideals. The effectiveness with which you—individually and in your chapters—demonstrate the true meaning of our beloved Sorority will show to those outside our sacred precincts what we stand for.

"We would do well always to consider carefully our actions. Tri Sigmas are committed to the highest in ideals and in standards. No one would willingly compromise that commitment. Let us always be sure that such compromise does not occur thoughtlessly.

"Tri Sigmas have not forgotten the founding aims and principles of our Sorority: To establish among its members a perpetual bond of friendship, to develop in them strong, womanly character and to impress upon them high standards of conduct. These goals are our mutual aim. They are our basis.

"In the current day, when we know we are under attack, when our values are questioned on every side, lip service to our ideal is not enough. True commitment is demanded. True commitment on the part of each individual Tri Sigma. Understanding and commitment on the part of chapters.

"Is your chapter keeping Tri Sigma ideals uppermost in all considerations? If yours is a strong chapter, it is. Or through handed down habit are you accepting anything less than Tri Sigma standards and ideals? If so, no matter how strong your chapter seems, it is a sham, and will inevitably falter and decline. The decision is in your hands, and we are confident that Tri Sigma is in hands that care.

"Committed we are to the highest.

"In Tri Sigma we have a gift of great value. As individuals it is not ours inherently. We were chosen as worthy. We chose Tri Sigma as worthy. That was the first moment of our commitment. Upon us now in the present rests the charge to protect and to perfect what we have inherited from all those who have pledged themselves in the past and who discharged their commitment with honor. The times may be rapidly changing, but eternal verities do not.

"The beauty and inspiration of Tri Sigma is the same now as it was in 1898. And we, fortunate Tri Sigmas in 1962, aware of our valuable and brave inheritance, will KEEP THE FAITH."

This inspiring and forward-looking message was accepted by a rising vote in loving appreciation of the National President's dedication and ability.

In line with announcement of adjustments in the regional director system experimentally adopted in 1958, Norma Larson and Marilynn Kinsella effectively explained procedures intended to simplify, and at the same time strengthen, the Sorority's regional organization. A realignment to three regions (Northern, Central, and Southern—with the country divided on an east-west basis) to be staffed by a National Collegiate Chairman, Member-

ship Chairman, Alumnæ Chapter Chairman and Alumnæ Membership Chairman in each region would assist the Executive Council's guidance of collegiate and alumnæ chapters. Expansion of the work of time-tested standing committees would give further assistance. With charts to illustrate, a question and answer period to clarify, everyone was pleased to see how this more closely coordinated regional organization would aid both chapters and national officers in making the work of all more effective.

CARRY ME BACK. . . . Now came the most exciting and historic event of this Convention. The Chairman of the National Memorial Headquarters Committee, Lucille Morrison, made a stirring presentation of a report based on the recommendation to the 1956 Convention that "the sorority plan in the future toward eventual location and purchase of representative permanent national headquarters to serve as executive office, to carry on the business of the sorority; to serve as a place for the preservation of sorority archives, and to provide economical meeting place arrangements for necessary national officer and leadership education conferences." Serving on the Committee with her had been Nelda Francis Crawford, *Alpha,* and Edna Conway Schmidt, *Xi,* who had written:

"Even though we may not be interested in taking a flight to the moon, there are children now in the second grade who will be. Our sights are trained on outer space and the taxes we pay are being spent on the most imaginative project the world has even known. . . .

"Is there room in a world moving at such a pace for sentiment, and is there need of it? Our sorority was founded because of the need of college girls, and through the inspiration and friendship of Greek letter fraternities already in existence. It was not an accident, but a logical outgrowth of this need that our society was born in Virginia, the state that gave birth to Phi Beta Kappa, the first Greek-letter group. It was an American experiment and invention in the dawn of a period of expansion not unlike the one we face today. The 1776 that saw the birth of our nation and birth of the fraternity system was not a peak in performance, but a springboard.

"Just as the pioneers of that age needed established standards to which they could hold, strong central organization to keep *excellence* before the eyes of leaders and followers—so today we hold with firm hands to the sworn ideals of our sorority and look not on the winds that threaten our very existence, but on the evidences of love and friendship that cover our land: philanthropic projects, new chapters, devotion of alumnæ.

"The Executive Office of our sorority is the center of our organization. Like the meaning of sentiment itself, it combines thought and feeling. . . . There is business with a heart! For stability of organization we need to own our national headquarters. It should be representative of the golden age of our beloved sorority, and the place where all Sigma hearts are carried as we review our history, our memories, our triumphs. No place is more logical than Virginia, the state where we were born. . . .

. . . to start the National Headquarters Fund. . . .

". . . For many years Woodstock, Virginia, held our office because it was the home of Mabel Lee Walton. Woodstock is still the most beautiful and meaningful place for the location of our National Memorial Headquarters. There it lies in that beautiful Shenandoah Valley, between two steadfast mountain ranges, Shenandoah, 'the daughter of the stars.'

". . . No state belongs to us as Virginia does, though all states have their glories, and all states have Sigmas. The National Memorial Headquarters can be made beautiful by the carrying back of the glories of all our states to Virginia, home of our royal mother. Each collegiate and alumnæ chapter can be represented in the house and garden, built of love for Tri Sigma."

After the Chairman completed her report, Convention approved the recommendation that Σ Σ Σ establish a permanent national headquarters. Discussion revealed the founding state would be the most appropriate location, especially when it had been determined that the Executive Secretary, much loved and appreciated "Santy" Dunham, would be willing to move with her husband when time for the change should come. Suggestion sheets were distributed to gather Sigma ideas for the headquarters. After the unanimous vote, Lucille Morrison paid tribute to the President Emerita, Mabel Lee Walton, as the moving spirit in this significant and impressive development. For Tri Sigma to have a home of its own, a place for all members to share as evidence of the Sorority's stability of organization, would indeed be a dream come true. Enthusiasm brought all to their feet! Facing Mabel Lee the Convention body burst into that sweet song, "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginny" in a touching serenade to a great Sigma lady. What spontaneous Sigma spirit closed that Saturday morning session on a high note!

Equally spontaneous and exciting was another national headquarters event during the Tuesday morning closing session of Convention. A parade of peppy Missourians led by Neva Ross, *Alpha Epsilon*, surprised everyone with a "Show Me" passing of the purple Sigma Jamboree hats to start the Na-

tional Headquarters Fund. In just a few minutes nearly two hundred dollars was piled in front of the National Treasurer! Thus is history made: a decision, then promptly acting on it in a spirited Sigma way. From this beginning, the headquarters-home for Tri Sigma would become a reality in Virginia, where hearts turn each Founders Day.

The Patriotic Luncheon was a colorful affair with Mildred Morgan Morrison, *Alpha Nu*, Scholarship Chairman, in charge. Jeannette Foster Davenport, *Alpha Nu*, Alumna Adviser, spoke to the theme of the day, quoting recent remarks of General Douglas MacArthur on "Duty, Honor, Country." A collegiate from the East, North, South, and West also spoke.

Panel discussions on citizenship, "Accepting Our Responsibility," moderated by the National Panhellenic Conference Delegate, Mary Hastings Page, were based on material from N.P.C.'s Research and Public Relations Committee, as was the presentation of a City Panhellenic panel by members of the Houston Alumnæ Chapter on "Our Right to Choose."

. . . beach hats as favors. . . .
Rachel Kyle and Norma Larson

SIGMA JAMBOREE. . . . The rest of Saturday afternoon and evening was given over to frivolity, foolishness and fun. The friendly reminder, "See you at the pool," brought Sigma mermaids and others to the pleasant patio near the Gulf to enjoy lazy Mississippi sunshine. Here under the palm trees was soon spread the Seafood Jamboree. "Shrimp boats are coming" was sung to guitar and ukelele accompaniment as barges piled high with jumbo shrimp were wheeled in for the tasty buffet of famous seafoods, a special treat for inlanders. Colorful beach hats were passed out as favors of the Jamboree, paper bib aprons were tied on and the feast began!

Later the hotel's upper deck was the scene of a hilarious Party Line evening. Madge Towell, in her Arkansas Traveler costume, announced the skits and special events. The first prize prepared for the Council's offering turned out to be a handsome box of Mississippi mud! Stunt Night at Convention is as time honored as any Sigma tradition and invariably it is a relaxing session devoted to funny business. After the final curtain, the Boomerangs, those veteran Convention-goers, shared their rites under direction of Phyllis Seidler McIntyre, *Beta Zeta*, while the First Timers stayed on the deck with Millie Emerson, Music Chairman, to finish the evening singing Sigma songs

and viewing movies of previous Conventions taken by Lola Mae Randall, *Beta Kappa.*

". . . *Commitment to God* . . ."

Commitment to God was expressed early Sunday morning in the Inspiration Hour led by Emma Sloan, *Zeta.* Later in the day the Historian, Lucille Morrison, spoke beautifully on this theme. This Sunday ended as it had begun in prayer when Sigmas assembled in the nearby Methodist Church for the traditional Memorial Service with Elsa von Ruecau Jones, *Iota,* the leader. In memory of the two Founders, Lucy Wright James and Margaret Batten Randle, who has joined Omega since the 1959 Convention, two large candles were first lighted. From these collegiates lighted candles for other Sigmas who had also joined Omega. Life's deepest meanings are touched during this Memorial Service, always an unforgettable Convention experience.

. . . *Rosettes of Honor* . . .

ALUMNÆ DAY. . . . In between these inspiring events lay a delightfully varied Alumnæ Day program, devoted to various special interests and needs, featuring individual alumna and alumnæ chapter accomplishments and honors. After Rosettes of Honor were presented Robbie Page Memorial Triennial Honor Roll Chapters, symposiums filled most of the morning. They were planned to give alumnæ

. . . highly entertaining . . .
"Mitch Miller" Emerson

as well as collegiates current information on rushing procedures, membership standards, Panhellenic mechanics, to aid their understanding of and assistance to college chapter situations affecting the entire sorority. That afternoon a special alumnæ session discussed alumnæ chapter affairs, City Panhellenics, state days, *The Triangle* reporting, and lifetime alumnæ dues. In this connection the presiding officer, Emily Lee, Alumnæ Secretary, appointed a committee for further study. Following this meeting she conducted the Circle Degree for fifteen alumnæ. Meanwhile collegiates were busy in their separate workshops on pledge education, finances, and ceremonial procedures.

Both luncheon and dinner were alumnæ events, with Nelda Crawford, former Alumnæ Secretary, in charge of the Boomerang Luncheon set to music that dramatized highlights of past Conventions in a highly entertaining way. The Alumnæ Dinner with Helen Kehmeier Farrell, *Sigma,* Regional Alumnæ Director, as Toastmaster, honored alumnæ for many types of achievement. All twenty-seven alumnæ delegates were recognized to speak on a major interest or accomplishment of their chapters. Receiving the Emily Gates Alumna Achievement Award was Susan Spires Johns, *Beta Phi.* When the Golden Violet Award roll was called Martha Bell Pollard, *Kappa,* was present to receive hers. A new award, the Steadfast Alumna Citation, was presented to Sue White Stanley, *Rho,* to complete a trio of special honors. Irene Wood, *Upsilon,* as president accepted the 1962 Outstanding Alumnæ Chapter Award for Houston. Glamorous, ingenious, significant table centerpieces had been pro-

. . . honored for achievement. . . .
Susie Johns, Sue Stanley, Mabel Lee Walton, Irene Wood, Martha Pollard

vided by the alumnæ chapters, exciting much interest and comment when viewed by Sigmas departing for the Memorial Service.

History, finances, a Convention surprise of a vacation gift check for the National President, new officers, a Memory Lane event, scholarship, constitution revisions, Sigma social standards, indeed, Monday was brimming with *Commitment to Sigma.* Off to a good start with a vignette from *The Years Remembered* . . . by the Historian and ending in the glow of the final Candleflame banquet.

. . . a Convention surprise for the National President. . . .

Myrtle Holmes' graphic report on the Sorority's finances resulted in effective action to complete payment of Endowment pledges while in school, reinaugurating the original collection procedure, and a program designed to upbuild chapter housing funds through annual per capita payments sent to the National Treasurer for investment to the credit of the individual chapters. Such forthright action should further insure stability for both local and national budgets.

The Executive Council officers were re-elected with addition of Mildred Morgan Morrison, *Alpha Nu,* as Vice-President, and Elsa Von Ruecau Jones, *Iota,* as Collegiate Secretary, replacing Marilynn Kinsella and Rachel Kyle whose resignations had been regretfully accepted.

. . . how truly royal . . .

The Memory Lane luncheon arranged by Helen Marie Eggert Snyder, *Alpha Xi,* was a surprise honoring Mabel Lee. She read messages from letters of this rare leader through the years, inspiring again all who listened. Seated at Mabel Lee's table were those alumnæ who had served on the Executive Council during her presidency. This table was beautifully decorated in purple

. . . Commitment to Sigma. . . . Mabel Lee had taught all

and white and all tables had a crown as a part of the centerpiece with "The Queen" lettered on it in purple. Mabel Lee herself was brought a purple cape, a glittering crown, and a sceptre, emblems to indicate how truly royal she is as Σ Σ Σ's Queen. Three handsome scrapbooks compiled by the Tulsa-Tuloma Alumnæ Chapter from pages prepared by college and alumnæ chapters across the country for Mabel Lee Walton were received by her with appreciation for this thoughtful gesture of remembrance. At this time the Mabel Lee Walton Leadership Award was presented to Theresa McDaniel, *Gamma Beta,* by the Collegiate Secretary. The recipient's amazed delight was happily shared by everyone. On this lovely occasion Tri Sigmas hovered between laughter and tears in sharing deepest feelings of devotion for Mabel Lee, who through the contagion of her own personality had taught all the meaning of friendship in the bonds.

A BUSY AFTERNOON. . . . Much was achieved! Discussions of scholarship, constitution revisions, Executive Office services, and *The Triangle,* filled that afternoon. The Editor, Norma Larson, pointed out that chapter newsletters have replaced the contact work of Chapter Alumnæ Chairmen, with these positions now discontinued. After action was taken on the Constitution, ably presented by Doris Tabor, Parliamentarian, the Convention heard a refreshingly frank discussion by Mildred Morrison on the reasons for high standards of personal conduct for Tri Sigma ladies. The

. . . delight happily shared . . .

National Panhellenic Delegate emphasized that the N.P.C. policy on social standards should be the guide for all Greek-letter women. She proposed that Tri Sigma collegiates lead the way with their local College Panhellenics to set up a code of conduct to uphold standards and to relieve criticisms of careless behavior prevalent on many campuses. Tri Sigma's 1956 Standards policy was reaffirmed unanimously.

An aura of *Commitment to Sigma* graced all events of the last evening of Convention. Mabel Lee Walton, assisted by past National President Mary Hastings Page and Convention Chairman Ida Belle Dowdell, conducted the installation ceremony for the new Executive Council composed of Margaret Freeman Dixon, *President,* Mildred Morgan Morrison, *Vice-President,* Myrtle Marshall Holmes, *Treasurer,* Marie Santee Dunham, *Executive Secretary,* Elsa Von Ruecau Jones, *Collegiate Secretary,* Emily Lewis Lee, *Alumnæ Secretary,* Mary Hastings Holloway Page, *National Panhellenic Delegate,* and Norma Beuter Larson, *Editor* of "*The Triangle.*"

AMID THE MAGNOLIAS. . . . Following happy felicitations (and photographs!), Tri Sigmas in pretty formal attire went to the banquet room for the loveliest event of any Convention. A profusion of magnolia blossoms —even more beautiful than the real ones—had been created by the Central Florida Alumnæ Chapter for the handsome green, white, and gold color theme of this unforgettable Candleflame banquet. Toasts were based on a sonnet called "Commitment" written by Eddie Conway Schmidt, past Editor, present Ceremonials Chairman and Tri Sigma's poet laureate.

After Millicent Emerson sang "Three Candles," Mary Eileen Maloney Dobson, always a charming Toastmaster, conducted the presentation of awards to collegiate chapters. Convention banquets are notable not only because of the beauty and meaning of toasts shared and lovely decorations admired, but also because of honors won and awards joyously received. Indeed tears of happiness are almost as prevalent as laughter at a Tri Sigma gathering! Those winning awards are to be found listed in Chapter Sixteen. A beautiful new song, "Royal Gates," composed by Rosemarie Weidemeyer of *Rho* Chapter and honored as the song of the triennium was introduced by the Convention Choir and Rho members—their gift to the Convention. Retiring Council officer Marilynn Kinsella was presented the traditional

. . . awards joyously received. . . .

crested ring and a loving cup for more than eight years faithful service. Myrtle Holmes, National Treasurer for two trienniums, also received the loving cup for Council service. Retiring Collegiate Secretary Rachel Kyle was presented a gift from the chapters.

The formal program followed awards. Theresa Roeshler, *Zeta,* the Emily Gates Award winner of 1961, lighted a large candle to the Founders at the conclusion of a captivating Prologue in tribute to their ideals. Three toasts of classical simplicity based on lines from the sonnet were then given in *Commitment to Beauty* by Lynn Johnstone, *Iota; Commitment to Friendship* by Norma Larson, *Beta Alpha;* and *Commitment to Love* by Mary Hastings Page, *Alpha.* The Toastmaster concluded the lines of the sonnet and then closed the program by sharing the whole of it—

COMMITMENT

A candleflame saw I, in youth's bright hour,
A light from altars to a Royal Mother.
Mine eyes chose beauty and did seek no other
With dark around, gaze fixed by beauty's power.

In flickering light my hand touched hands of you
Knew need of friendship strong in all the world.
Through years sustained a hand softly to be uncurled
And offer balm and gaiety, while I pledge too.

Then gave I my heart, commitment though the heavens fall!
From Grecian columns set on earth to domes of space
The heart can go where only eyes and hand can trace.
So to Omega go all Sigmas when rings the chapter call
Our lives entwined since flame of candle drew us all
With beauty's flame, the hand of friendship, love aglow on every face.

Then as the Toastmaster called the roll of chapters, each Tri Sigma lit the small white candle at her place in the traditional candlelighting ceremony as a personal pledge of commitment. Light bloomed throughout the great banquet hall. Circling the steadfast light of the multiple candleflames, Tri Sigmas with love aglow sang "Stately and Royal" for the last time at the 1962 Convention. The Candleflame banquet was over, but all who had thrilled to it would long remember its beauty.

The last session of Convention on Tuesday morning opened with *Commitment to the Future* in a processional of the new Executive Council. After opening ceremonies, announcement was made of a World's Fair Convention in New York City for 1965. Immediately a gay procession of New York area Sigmas came down the aisle chanting "Tick, Tock, under the Clock!" Cordial invitation to meet in New York under the Hotel Biltmore's famous clock was issued. "We'll all arrive in Sixty-five!"

TRI SIGMA SERVES CHILDREN. . . . *For our day too, we need a dream, a faith, a transcendent aim. It must be a new dream, for it is a new day. It must be a great hope, and a deep and abiding faith. We must catch the vision and a sense of shared purpose as sharp and meaningful for our time as the vision and shared purpose that launched our continuing adventure.*

These words seemed to summarize *Commitment to the Future* through service to children as a tangible goal when Norma Caton Kitchen, Robbie Page Memorial Chairman, presented her report for the triennium. She proudly stated that the goal set by the last Convention to provide the North Carolina Memorial Hospital with funds to initiate construction of an isolation ward on the pediatric floor had been realized. Best of all, the matching funds secured by the Hospital due to Tri Sigma's grant had amounted to a six for one basis! For every three dollars given by a Sigma this meant eighteen dollars of service to children! The Convention voted to approve as its next project raising funds to make a grant, on the basis of matching funds as usual, for construction of an out-patient Children's Room at the hospital. The handsome Robbie Page Memorial Book with purple covers emblazoned with the Σ Σ Σ coat of arms, its pages hand lettered by Rachel Kyle and Barbara Lyon, *Beta Beta,* had been completed and was first displayed at this Convention, although its entries go back to 1951. Lucille Morrison, former Memorial Chairman, compiled the information for the book that lists gifts made as *a living memorial* for those named within.

. . . *The Robbie Page Memorial Book.* . . .

Final business included announcement that Lynda Kern, *Alpha Upsilon,* had received the Mable Kane Stryker Graduate Scholarship Award . . . selection of Virginia Summers, *Alpha,* as "My Tri Sigma Girl" by the Convention . . . a dynamic report on Extension by retiring Chairman of this Committee, Marilynn Kinsella . . . a forward looking report by Janet Mayer Bradley, *Alpha Nu,* Regional Collegiate Director, on a special time and activities survey of college chapters. This clearly indicated "New Directions" should be taken to eliminate distracting local activities in favor of a return to the simple friendship purposes of sorority life. Convention unanimously approved a resolution on this matter.

New appointments announced . . . final committee reports heard, evalua-

tions gathered in . . . a final tribute by Margaret Dixon, National President, to Mabel Lee as the vital spirit and personality of Convention . . . then the closing prayer. The 1962 Convention was history to be recorded! Soon Tri Sigmas were scattering as swiftly as they had come bound for home to carry Convention back to others who were able to be there only in spirit.

. . . off to New Orleans. . . .

POST CONVENTION TOUR. . . . Other Sigmas—more than 85—were off to New Orleans after luncheon for the two hour ride to the Roosevelt Hotel for gay, relaxing days touring this fascinating city. Irene Armentor Earnest, *Alpha Mu,* assisted by Doris Harvey Hallenus, *Alpha Mu,* and Barbara Sales McKenzie, all of the New Orleans Alumnæ Chapter, did everything in their power to make the tour events a unique experience. All agreed it was a delightful success!

. . . the vital spirit and personality of Convention . . .
MABEL LEE WALTON

"Thank y'all, hear?" Yes, thanks all around for a memorable Sigma time together, this long anticipated and happily fulfilled "deep South" Convention.

CHAPTER EIGHT

Regional Meets

Nothing in the world is single
All things by a law divine
In one spirit meet and mingle.
—PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY

The Regional Meets of 1955

Known as Tri Sigma Days, the thirteen Regional Meets of 1955 were held on a Saturday in September or October. The regions were set up to facilitate members getting to a college campus for a 9:30 A.M. registration hour. Because of accessibility, a record number of collegiate and alumnæ members attended to share in a happy learning experience of benefit to their chapters as well as themselves. Welcoming committees met registrants with a cup of coffee and a get-acquainted questionnaire in the following well known Tri Sigma chapter locations across the country. WHITEWATER, CARBONDALE, WARRENSBURG, EDMOND, HATTIESBURG, LAKELAND, MACOMB, INDIANA,

Welcoming committees met registrants . . .

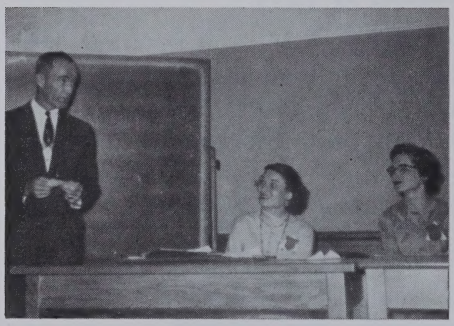
. . . with a cup of coffee . . .

Harrisonburg, Ypsilanti, Tempe, Oxford, Greeley. Alumnæ also sponsored Tri Sigma Days at Houston, and Pleasantville, New York.

In a workshop setting discussions centered on the theme "Tri Sigma in Today's World." After a brief opening ceremony, enthusiastic participation by all present developed from panels and round tables covering these five main topics: Time for Building, Panhellenic Program and N.P.C. Policies, Philosophy of Membership Selection, Collegiate-Alumnæ Relationships, Tri Sigmas United in Leadership.

A lovely luncheon highlighted each Tri Sigma Day. Peppy singing and some hilarious stunting during promotion of 1956 Convention added to fun and fellowship. Westward-ho to Colorado!

Later in the afternoon, Tri Sigmas found additional strenthening of bonds in review of Sigma ceremonial procedures and symbolism that unites all in special friendship. Reflecting upon the purposes of Alumnæ Advisory Boards as an evidence of realistic sorority cooperation, college members expressed gratitude for this plan of "big sister" guidance that takes from their shoulders some of the responsibilities of chapter operations for which experience and maturity have the answers. In return, alumnæ were reassured to learn their



. . . Deans gave greetings . . .

. . . in a workshop setting . . .

efforts and counsel are needed and appreciated by collegiates. Mutual appreciation thus highlighted the closing session of all Tri Sigma Days.

Deans and college faculty members as special guests who gave greetings at the opening; faculty sponsors, national officers, alumnæ chapter and collegiate chapter officers and members throughout Tri Sigma Days, all made valuable contributions in carrying out the well structured, uniform program.

Executive Council Officers Mary Hastings Page, Marilynn Kinsella, Margaret Dixon, Marie Dunham, Emily Lee, Nelda Crawford, and Josephine Burr were responsible along with the following national officers and outstanding alumnæ for leading and assisting with the day's activities: Mabel Lee Walton, Γ, Lois Cesner, K, Virginia Hickman, A Δ, Helen Marie Snyder, A Ξ, Madge Towell, A O, Janet Bradley, A N, Margery Gepner, A X, Mary

Jo Clark, N, Margaret Schwein, A Γ, Stella Christopher, T, Helen Mutz, A E, Julia Ann Consalus, N, Peg Williams, A Σ, Ida Belle Dowdell, P, Sue Stanley, P, Muriel Minard, A T, Rachel Kyle, B A, Beverly Kelton, B A, Virginia McCrush, Z, Mildred Huber, Λ, Betty Kubalak, Z, Patty Palmer, B B, Kay Foster, B P, Mary Eileen Dobson, T, Lola Mae Randall, B K, Violet Wertz, T, Eddie von Berge, K, Virginia Emrich, Π, Pauline Childers, Σ, Helen Sams, A, Virginia Boynton Oates, P, Charlotte Oberle, T, Billie Nettleton, B, and Founders Lucy Wright James and Isabelle Merrick Earle.

All participants happily agreed that Tri Sigma Days were "inspiring, a valuable experience, such fun and much too short," as Tri Sigma gatherings usually are! Always it is a memorable experience for college members to meet with their national officers as well as an inspiration for those officers and loyal alumnæ to see, on the other hand, the poise, ability, and spirit of young Tri Sigmas who carry onward so enthusiastically the perpetuation of friendship.

At Lakeland . . . perpetuation of friendship . . . Mabel Lee Walton, Isabella Merrick Earle, Muriel Jenkins Minard, Virginia Boynton Oates

The Regional Meet of 1958

Once again Regional Meets were used as a leadership training conference, this time with an interesting variation, for in 1958 *all regions met together* at a National Leadership School, August 22-24, at the University of Illinois. Plans for launching a regional system to "expand Tri Sigma's organizational effectiveness" in line with a recommendation approved by the 1956 Convention were thus under way. After careful advance planning, the Executive Council announced in the 1958 Spring issue of *The Triangle:* School for Sigma Students, August 22-24, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Come one, come all!

Such a gathering offered opportunity to all chapters of the Sorority for

uniform national training and comprehensive understanding of mechanics of an expanded regional system. Collegiate chapter presidents serving as official delegates for fifty-four college chapters and their Alumnæ Advisers would be "special Sigma students." All would secure and sharpen the tools and materials for informed, intelligent leadership—the basic ingredient for chapter success. As many additional members as could be enlisted from each chapter were urged to enroll—and enroll they did! They came by the carloads and busloads to listen, study, question, learn and to agree that National Leadership School was one of the most special of Tri Sigma experiences and a worthwhile investment of Sorority funds to provide such "a meeting of regions."

An all white dinner on Friday night and rituals in the candle glow renewed closeness of national bonds of Tri Sigma. What a beautiful evening!

Tri Sigma history was made at the Saturday session when Margaret Dixon, National President, announced experimental procedures to inaugurate an expanded regional system. Her presentation kindled instant enthusiasm. Dele-

. . . a meeting of regions . . .

gates of the ten geographical regions caught quickly the concept of becoming more permanently "regionized" as they met with their newly appointed Regional Collegiate Directors for informal, get-acquainted "buzz" sessions.

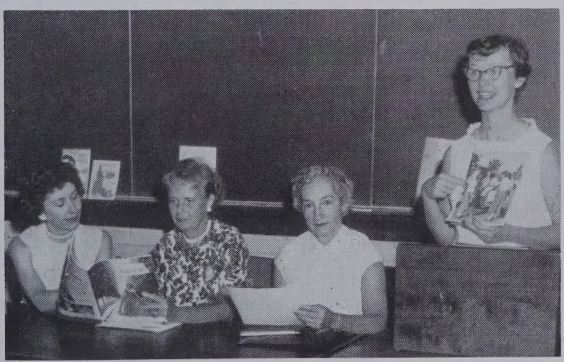
The main event of the leadership training school followed. Four seminars were held simultaneously Saturday afternoon, led by a faculty of Executive Council and national chairmen whose areas of work were presented. Sigma students rotated to each seminar, gathering a wealth of knowledge for future use. Those stimulating seminars, a give and take opportunity, gave collegiates an occasion to take part in small workable groups in resolving questions pertinent to their chapter situations. As sessions of the school unfolded, each "professor," an expert in her field, clarified new procedures while reviewing and studying sorority policies and operations generally.

Clever dinner "mixers" planned by artistic Rachel Kyle and Betty Kubalak; the reverent Sunday morning Sigma Inspiration Hour led by Mary Has-

SEMINAR I: **Membership Selection**—*the Mechanics of Panhellenics, Party Plans, Membership Selection Procedures and Policies. . . .*

SEMINAR II: **Chapter Operation**—*Pledge Education, Chapter Operations, Chapter Finances. . . .*

SEMINAR III: **You in Tri Sigma . . . Present Tense** — *Tri Sigma — A Living Force, Scholarship, Sorority Programs, Public Relations. . . .*



SEMINAR IV: **You in Tri Sigma . . . Future Tense** — *Collegiate-Alumnæ Relations, Alumnæ Advisory Boards, National Contacts, Citizenship. . . .*

. . . led by a faculty of Executive Council and national chairmen . . .

tings Page; the presentation of coveted awards; the person-to-person wee hour gabfests—each added its own special magic of Tri Sigma spirit to this unique Sigma weekend. All too soon the dismissal bell rang. The "sweet sorrow of parting" was dispersed by joyful anticipation of each inspired Tri Sigma to return to her chapter and develop the ideas gained at National Leadership School.

The ten experimental collegiate regions, their component chapters and the Regional Collegiate Directors who would work closely with the Collegiate Secretary were to be: APPALACHIAN—Λ, A K, A Π, A P, B Θ, B Y, Janet Hiner Way, Λ; CENTRAL—K, A N, A Ψ, B Γ, B Ψ, Γ A, Frances Mottey Beck, Λ; EASTERN SEABOARD—A, Ψ, A A, A Δ, A Θ, A Y, B X, Gail Fox McLean, A X; GREAT LAKES—O, A Φ, B O, B P, B T, Doris Overstedt Mustard, B P; GREAT PLAINS—Ξ, X, N, Π, A E, Lucy Harwood Mills, A O; GULF—A Σ, A Z, A M, B Σ, B Φ, Glenny Lee Castagnos, A M; MISSOURI VALLEY—M, A Λ, A X, B E, B Ξ, Doris Bartels Wilkins, A Λ; NORTH CENTRAL—A Ξ, B A, B I, B Λ, B Π, Helen Marie Eggert Snyder, A Ξ; OZARK—A I, A O, B B, B H, B M, Sally Updegraff Ford, A I; ROCKY MOUNTAIN—I, Σ, T, A Γ, B K, Laura Sauberli Zachmann, A Γ.

Regional Alumnæ Directors McCrush, Bennett, Huber with Alumnæ Secretary Nelda Crawford. . . .

Pilot programs for three alumnæ regions also went into effect at this time and would blueprint the alumnæ regional system for presentation at the 1959 Convention: Region 1: *Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas,* Evelyn Bone Bennett, K; Region 2: *Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia,* Mildred Yount Huber, Λ; Region 3: *Eastern Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey,* Virginia Whetstone McCrush, Z.

In a final summary of this Sigma weekend the National President stated: "Such onward progress of our Sorority is the culmination of all our individual labors—so each of us shares in the heights of accomplishment such as National Leadership School which was truly a meeting of regions with the permanent regional plan put into operation. . . . Each year we build not only for the present —but always for the future."

The Regional Meets of 1961

With an enlarged and continuous regional system established by the 1959 Convention, the division and number of eleven 1961 Regional Meets were set up naturally. Early in the fall Tri Sigmas in each collegiate region met on selected college campuses for the customary 24 hour weekend meetings that experience had proved most practical. Locations were: APPALACHIAN at Pittsburgh; EASTERN SEABOARD at Harrisonburg; CENTRAL at Carbondale; GREAT LAKES at Kalamazoo; GREAT PLAINS at Emporia; GULF at Hattiesburg; MISSOURI VALLEY at Murray; NORTH CENTRAL at Minneapolis; OHIO VALLEY at Oxford; OZARK at Tahlequah; ROCKY MOUNTAIN at Gunnison.

. . . Sigma fellowship began . . .

The Regional Collegiate Director was Officer-in-Charge in each region, with an Executive Council officer and other national officers assisting. Sigma fellowship began on Friday night when hostess chapters and national officers greeted first arrivals, and from then until Sunday every moment was precious with friendship, singing, shared questions and suggested solutions. The Saturday luncheons and dinners were demonstrations of effective rush functions by collegiates of the region.

"Our Tri Sigma Heritage" was the theme of the customarily ambitious and purposeful program. After a Coffee Hour of welcome Saturday morning during registration, at the formal opening ceremonies the Executive Council officer keynoted the meeting with a patriotic address, "Brave Inheritance." The message was inspiring: *America's glorious past is your legacy, a wealth beyond counting. America: our country, young when measured against all history, still the beneficiary, inheriting all that went before 1776. As young Americans you inherit the past . . . into your hands is given all America's priceless heritage. Yours is a brave inheritance! . . .*

Let us show individually and as a Sorority this pride in our American heritage. We can best preserve our brave inheritance by knowing it and by upholding it as "faithful and loyal" Tri Sigmas. We add our own contribution of service as we pass this heritage to others.

. . . brave inheritance . . .

In the words of Josiah Royce: "You, at this moment have the honor to belong to a generation whose lips are touched by fire . . . the human race now passes through one of its great crises. New ideas, new issues—a new call for men to carry on the work of righteousness, of charity, of courage, of pateince and loyalty—all these things have come and are coming daily to you.

"When you are old . . . however memory brings back this moment to your minds, let it be able to say to you: That was a great moment. It was the beginning of a new era. . . . This world in its crisis called for volunteers, for women of faith in life, of patience in service, of charity and of insight. I responded to the call however I could. I volunteered to give myself to my master: the cause of humane and brave living. I studied, I loved, I labored, unsparingly and hopefully, to be worthy of my generation."

To be an American is to be one
In whom these brave inheritances run,
A worthy daughter, or a noble son.
—Roselle Montgomery

"Preserving Our Heritage" was the concern of discussions which followed the opening in morning sessions. A fraternity overview was featured, delineating dangers to the rights of voluntary associations such as social fraternities in the increasingly crucial days of world conflict and tensions. Alert citizenship was again pledged as part of Tri Sigma leadership everywhere.

. . . national officers greeted . . .

"Building On Our Heritage" absorbed the interest of delegates and visitors in the afternoon, with forums on ways and means of building through sound Panhel-

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lenic policies, the ABC's of rushing and membership selection procedures.

"Living Our Heritage" Saturday evening gave each an opportunity to focus on Sorority rituals and to express their meanings for everyday living. Such sharing was a universal highlight of the Meets.

At the banquet with its theme of a "preferential party" program and later at the Party Line Saturday night chapters exchanged rush party, skit, and song ideas. Gaiety and hilarity reigned, as friendship for one another was cemented in the usual fun and fellowship.

"Sustaining Our Heritage" gave consideration Sunday morning to developing the best pledge education program and the components that make an *excellent* chapter. Awards were presented auspiciously. Then Sigma Inspiration just before noon concluded the Meet program on a high note.

Too soon, as always, it was time to bid fond farewells to new and old Tri Sigma friends who had thought and worked and played together.

Officers who participated in the 1961 Regional Meets were: Margaret Dixon, Marilynn Kinsella, Marie Dunham, Emily Lee, Rachel Kyle, Norma Larson, Mary Hastings Page, Janet Medwid, Frances Beck, Marilyn Lane, Lois Cesner, Joan Shearer, Melissa Potter, Janet Bradley, Helen Marie Snyder, Billie Bess Alexander, Elsa Jones, Martha Davis, Evelyn Bennett, Helen Farrell, Mildred Huber, Ruth Renaud, Nelda Crawford, Ida Belle Dowdell, Mary Eileen Dobson, Sylvia Stubbefield, Madge Towell, Millicent Emerson, Doris Tabor, Mildred Morrison, Barbara Lyon, and Nora Langreder.

Almost 1000 Tri Sigmas actively shared pride in the Tri Sigma heritage of sixty-three years of sisterhood, pledging themselves to preserve, build, live, and sustain it in Tri Sigma love. Before parting they joined at all Meets in sharing these words of rededication—

There is a unique success
For which Tri Sigma is intended.

There is a gift of friendship
That is only mine to give.

There is hope in the world
Alight from altar candles.

To these, I give my hand
For my heart is pledged!

CHAPTER NINE

Government and Administration

New occasions teach new duties;
They must upward still, and onward
Who would keep abreast of truth.
—JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

ADMINISTRATIVE officers of the Grand Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma in the year 1904 numbered four: Grand President, Grand Vice-President, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary. Having been unanimously elected in 1903 at a called meeting for that purpose, these officers together with the accredited delegates from each of the three chapters, Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and the Hampton Alumnæ conducted all the business of the first Annual Convention of 1904, held at the State Normal School (now Longwood), Farmville, Virginia.

Because any incorporated body looks into the future for expansion, so the Sorority with wisdom added in 1906 two new officers to the Grand Chapter: Corresponding Secretary and Editor-in-Chief of *The Triangle*.

The excellent foundation work done by the inexperienced young women who founded and developed the order from the very early years is amazing. The structure of organization they established, the standards they set, the forward looking courses they charted still guide the Sorority today. Their high minded, serious purposes served The Sigma Sigma Sigma well in those formative years and continue to do so for a time-tested organization in the Space Age as well. Improvements were consistently added to develop the Constitution's intent and provisions for a national sorority.

As early as 1905 ceremonials were conducted at Convention. Then it will be noted the 1907 Convention voted numerous progressive measures, strengthening the foundation and setting precedents for many present day programs and policies.

Ten years after the first Convention, extension and national affairs requiring it, the Grand Chapter was enlarged to include *The Triangle* Business Manager and the office of Chapter Inspector while the two secretaryships were combined for greater efficiency. This was in the year 1913. Eight standing committees assisted these officers: Accrediting, Alumnæ, Convention, Directory, Extension, Founders Day, History, and Ritual. With a wider vision toward chapter welfare and social service, a brief time later there was felt

the need of a Song Book Chairman and a Social Service leader, both of whom were elected in 1916. Provision was made also, with a view to a written history of the Sorority, for a committee to continue collection of material for that purpose. Reference to a published history appeared in *The Triangle* as early as 1910.

Appraisals of past, present, and future needs were constantly a part of Convention and interim years. Always the greatest good for the greatest number was the watchword. One of the many chapter services initiated in 1907 and never abandoned was the periodic inspection of chapters. Those familiar with Panhellenic life know the reason for this prearranged time when the National Inspector or visiting officer, through personal and group conferences on the college campus, surveys in friendly fashion with a given chapter its weaknesses and strengths. It is a time, too, when national policies are fully explained, and a closer unity is continually built up through the years. Here is another place where the democratic procedures used in sorority operations are rewarding.

High standards of scholarship have always been a major goal of the Sorority, the Founders having set the example, with stated times for reporting academic results on a national basis. From the 1921 Convention came newly created standing committees to carry out responsibility for Endowment, Scholarship, Extension, Ritual, and Sorority Examinations. Also National Council replaced the name of Grand Council. All these increased services were borne by Sigmas dedicated to the general welfare and progress of sisterhood.

Through courage, wisdom, and vigilance, growth through the Association of Education Sororities had developed. By the year 1934, thirty-six years after founding, Sigma Sigma Sigma could count her members from the Eastern Seaboard of Virginia to the borders of the old Southwest of New Mexico, and from the blue waters of the Great Lakes to the brilliant sunset skies of the Gulf of Mexico, proving that the "Big Idea" promoted in 1911 was gratifyingly bearing fruit. The college chapter active roll then numbered 30. Thirty-eight alumnæ chapters supported the work of the Sorority. The biennal program had been replaced at the 1933 Convention by a triennial plan of national operation. As the years passed and as needs arose, additional standing committees to administer the expanding national program had been created, such as Constitution and Parliamentary Law, Ceremonial Supplies, Note Books, Examination and Pledge Manual, Educational Research, and others.

As the Sorority approached the half-century mark, it became apparent that modification of prevailing administrative processes would be worthwhile in order to meet changes ahead. Thus, at the 1947 Golden Jubilee Convention some revisions were made in the national organization and nomenclature. An Executive Council of five was elected with the following titles: President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Collegiate Secretary and Alumnæ Secretary. These, with an Advisory Board of three experienced past national officers completed

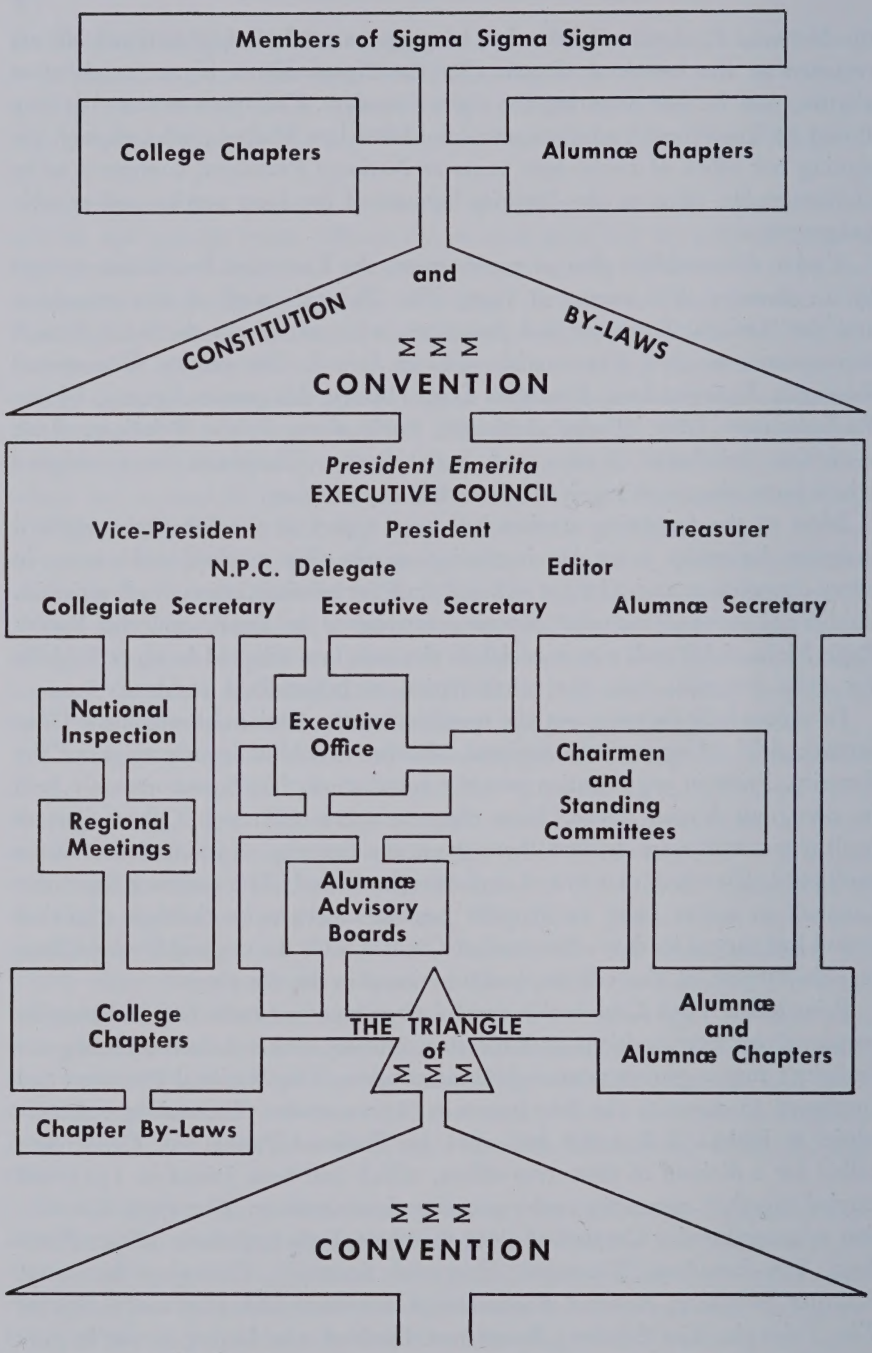
the National Executive Board, thus keeping the total of *eight* national officers required as the board of directors by the Sigma Sigma Sigma corporation charter, and further honoring the eight Founders. Chairman of this Advisory Board by unanimous endorsement was Mabel Lee Walton, who, though resigning her office of thirty-four years as National President, continued to be of inestimable value to the Sorority because of her long service and reliable judgment.

Under this modified plan of government, the Executive Board was assisted by an alumnæ department of four, *The Triangle* staff of five members, and the National Directors and Assistants, who carried out the work of such departments as: Art, Ceremonials, Charm School, Convention, Educational Research, Examinations, Founders Day, History, Magazine Agency, Music, Parliamentary Law, Pledge Activities, Publications, Public Relations, Rush Activities, Scholastic Grades, and Social Service. Assistants were assigned where increasing work required it in certain departments.

Most of the foregoing services had been a part of the Sorority's standard program for many years, but increasing membership required wider scope in every department and a larger national staff for administration of all activities. Additional services included Housing established in 1948, and the Robbie Page Memorial Fund, a new social service program adopted in 1951, initially for polio research, later for rehabilitation of hospitalized children.

In successfully carrying out the transition to the National Panhellenic Conference field of operations, national officers worked diligently to serve the Sorority. Pride in organization was the watchword. Tri Sigma not only held its own, but forged ahead. New chapters were chartered. Other signs of healthy growth were evident throughout the Sorority. Administrative duties multiplied. Clearly a new era of expansion lay ahead. The compact Executive Council set up in 1947 to expedite possible emergencies through a critical period had served its day—the smallest Council since the original Grand Chapter; the largest, of nine officers, had functioned in the 1920's.

Prior to the 1956 Convention careful plans went into selecting and training personnel for new positions of leadership, into recommendations affecting the Sorority's future government and administration. The National President had continued to serve as the interfraternity representative. Expanding responsibilities in both Σ Σ Σ duties and work for National Panhellenic Conference called for a division of these two offices, which had been joined in 1925 and carried together ever since under pressing circumstances. The 1956 Convention reinaugurated a Council of eight members, including these offices: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Executive Secretary, Collegiate Secretary, Alumnæ Secretary, National Panhellenic Conference Delegate, and Editor of *The Triangle*. The Advisory Board was dissolved, also having served its purpose. The position of President Emerita was created with Mabel Lee Walton elected by acclamation to fill it. In returning to the Sorority's traditional struc-



. . . governing framework of the Sorority . . .

ture the titles of Chairman of Standing Committees were also restored. Services were the same, but in looking ahead the possibilities of adding working members to a committee with expanding duties offered a practical solution.

Long contemplated expansion of the regional system was undertaken several years later to answer the needs of the increasing chapter roll. Regional officers for both college and alumnæ chapters were charged to give close guidance, to maintain the traditional personalized relationships so characteristic of Σ Σ Σ. After an experimental triennium the eleven collegiate regions were redistributed to three at the 1962 Convention, to be paralleled by three alumnæ regions. All were to be administered by national chairmen, with the work of the chairmen of the standing committees expanded and coordinated in a bulwarking of traditional, worthwhile organization.

This summary of Tri Sigma's government and growth of purposeful administration of its affairs tells only part of the story. It should be remembered that so composite are the national officers' endeavors that the Sigma record written through the years speaks for accomplishments that represent the combined efforts of all. Added to this spirit of service, only capable leadership and well organized administrative techniques could have developed the strong national organization that Sigma Sigma Sigma has become. Contributing to this strength can be listed devoted tenure of office in various areas of national service to the Sorority, and especially in the wise, inspiring, progressive leadership for thirty-four years of Mabel Lee Walton, *Gamma,* as National President. A lifetime of service!

As any social institution needs to be, Tri Sigma is flexible, democratic, prepared to alter procedures and terminology from time to time in order to meet changing situations with efficiency. With this philosophy the Sorority is dynamic, rather than static, and is guided at all times by points of view and ideas representing a cross section of Tri Sigma membership.

The purposes of the Sorority have been constantly reflected in *The Triangle* pages with frequent references to scholarship and other achievements, to an expanding Endowment, and also to a growing recital of social service good deeds . . . all of which reflect success. Behind such sorority activities, however, there have been necessarily many individuals who have given without stint—because of their belief in and love for Sigma. Through the years these national officers have found satisfaction in having a part in Tri Sigma's accomplishments for its membership. This has ever been their compensation for time and energy freely given.

Several major areas of administrative responsibilities have taken shape over the years and can be fairly well defined. Before tracing their development, the governing framework of the Sorority should be reviewed. The triennial plan in effect for many years revolves around National Convention, the supreme governing body of Sigma Sigma Sigma. In the second year following Convention,

college chapter inspections are held. The third year provides national contact through Regional Meets. No changes in Constitution are made at Regional Meets although recommendations may be carried to the following Convention and, if approved, are adopted by it.

Between Conventions, the Executive Council serves as the governing body with full power to act in emergencies. All interim actions and decisions made by the Council are presented to the next Convention for approval.

The Convention voting body consists of the Executive Council, President Emerita, National Chairmen, and the accredited delegates of collegiate and alumnæ chapters. The Convention body expresses its will through amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and through recommendations for Sorority services.

Over the years the criteria for election to Executive Council office has become traditionally established. Circumstances naturally have entered into decisions, especially for interim elections. At National Convention the Council, after due consideration of the needs of the national program, has usually proposed a slate to the Nominating Committee. Decisions on the slate to be presented to the Convention, however, are up to the Committee itself and to the Convention body. The privilege of making nominations from the floor has always been pointed out by the presiding officer as well. In making a nomination or in recommending a candidate for Council office, not only her personal

. . . interim decisions by the Council . . .

qualities of character and leadership should be presented, but also the following considerations: 1) years of sorority background and national experience; 2) consistent reliability, efficiency, and proven ability to represent Tri Sigma creditably; 3) co-operation and understanding of her family for her work; 4) time to give to the office; 5) freedom to travel when it may be necessary. At Convention it is the responsibility of anyone making a nomination to have first determined the availability of that person to serve.

While Convention provides the framework, the actual business of building in a worthwhile way for the total membership, for each and all chapters has been entrusted to the Council. Noted for earnestness of effort and unselfish service through the years these officers have complemented each other's endeavors, meeting with grace and steadfast dedication to duty the needs of the times. They have worked with harmony and understanding. Trying situations have never daunted them. The handicap of conducting far-flung activity by correspondence has posed its own problems, but "When there is a will there is a way" has been proved by Tri Sigma's Council over and over again. Their aims have been high and their energies well spent.

After the triennial plan of operation replaced the biennial Convention system in 1933 and the offices of the Sorority grew to be increasingly involved, the Council found it advisable to hold annual planning sessions. Such a personal co-ordinated review of Sorority matters by those responsible for their successful management enabled the Council not only to keep abreast of interfraternity developments, but to maintain forward looking policies of value to the Tri Sigma membership.

A lengthening chapter roll and a continually expanding program of service to the collegiate and alumnæ membership has involved adjustments and experimentation, but growth in the right direction was ever well worth additional burdens in operation. To provide the personal friendly guidance to chapters that has ever been the Sorority's policy, national officers and assistants have been added to the roster along with the increasing chapter roll. Their leadership training through officer workshops has developed as an integral part of the Sorority's administrative program.

Believing that persons of varied talents among the membership, who have shown marked interest in national affairs, can contribute to further development of the sorority, the Executive Council frequently has sponsored Leadership Workshops. Tri Sigma officers would never form a closed corporation, but on the contrary welcome all who would assist in carrying onward the Sorority's business. The Council has long been alert to the necessity of training members who have capability and who show promise for leadership in national administration of the sorority.

The officers on the Executive Council have different duties as their titles indicate. Yet all share equally in mutual concern for the Sorority's welfare

. . . leadership training through officer workshops . . .

and progress, in policy making decisions and in actions taken for the best interests of the Sorority, its members and its chapters.

The National President carries overall responsibility and the usual duties her office involves. Chapter Ten describes the National Presidents who have served Σ Σ Σ.

A time honored area of service has been that of the National Vice-President. From earliest years she has been the entrusted custodian of ritual, history, and membership records. Here again continuity of service contributed strength. After the Sorority's first decade of national operation, Helen Cookston Devor, *Kappa*, 1913-1921, Mable Kane Stryker, *Pi*, 1921-1942, Joy Walters Estey, *Nu*, 1942-1947, as three gifted National Vice-Presidents carried out the traditional duties of the office in addition to general Council service. At the close of the first half-century of progress in 1947 for Sigma Sigma Sigma, a streamlining of the organizational structure required that this office be eliminated for the time being. Separate departments had been developed where the Vice-President's responsibilities could be incorporated. After two trienniums, however, further shifts and changes in operating procedures called for a restoration of this office on the Executive Council. In 1954 Marilynn Schmitt Kinsella, *Alpha Xi*, was elected to coordinate membership activities such as rush, standards of membership selection, pledge education, and examinations, as well as to resume the National Vice-President's traditional responsi-

bilities for ritual. Mildred Morgan Morrison, *Alpha Nu,* in 1962 was elected her successor.

The NATIONAL TREASURER has general responsibility for the finances of the Sorority, as well as specific areas of work.

Without sound financial management Sigma's progress from earliest days would not have been possible. The Treasurer as the officer responsible for funds to finance every activity has consistently developed the means to carry out annual operations and maintain some capital reserve. From small, limited funds the balances have grown to meet the expanding needs of the Sorority satisfactorily. Only minimum increases in fees have been required during the passing years—in fact, until 1953 there was no increase in the initiation fee for a 26-year period dating from 1927! Such remarkable budgeting testifies to the expert handling of the Sorority's finances and the stability of the national organization through both hard times and periods of inflation. In the 64 years of history covered by this volume, Tri Sigma has had only seven National Treasurers—Harriet P. Hankins, *Alpha,* Carrie Mason Norfleet, *Alpha,* May Parker Ball, *Nu,* Mabel Kane Stryker, *Pi,* Helen Bate Cartwright, *Iota,* Margaret Freeman Dixon, *Sigma,* and Myrtle Marshall Holmes, *Alpha Iota;* each a splendid treasurer with rare ability and judgment. Meeting financial problems, and there were many of both great and small proportion through the years, each national Treasurer has proved herself dedicated to securing the future and fortune of the Sorority.

Thus it is that Tri Sigma has ever been able to give its membership the benefit of national activities successfully financed and creditably carried out. From the beginning years a standard of good taste without undue display has been an intrinsic part of Sigma's national operations. The membership has shared financial responsibility fully, for at each Convention the National Treasurer has submitted a national budget to be adopted, rejected, or modified as the members may decide. Increased costs in all areas continue to pose difficulties for financing of national sorority activities. These challenges the members have shared cooperatively with the National Treasurer. In Tri Sigma the fees paid are returned to the membership in some form of service, which in itself speaks for the sharing in Sisterhood.

COLLEGE CHAPTERS—From the beginning the National President has nurtured with close, devoted attention the college chapters, so often called the lifestream of the Sorority. The personal contacts with the chapter presidents have had influence beyond measure in building strength within the chapters and pride in living up to Σ Σ Σ standards. After nearly 30 years of fostering this relationship with college chapters, with many critical interfraternity developments and other problems taking her time, Mabel Lee Walton asked for an assistant to give full attention to contacts with a lengthening college chapter roll. In 1939 Mary Hastings Holloway, *Alpha,* was appointed Assistant

to the National President, and carried forward this work until 1941 when she was elected to the Council as National Organizer; Johnny Bess Hale, *Alpha Theta,* was her successor in assisting the National President with this important work until 1947.

In the reorganization of Council offices at the 1947 Convention, a COLLEGIATE SECRETARY was established to coordinate all affairs of the college chapters, with Joy Walters Estey assuming this responsibility. In 1950 she was followed by Emily Lewis Lee, *Alpha Upsilon;* in 1959 by Rachel Gabel Kyle, *Beta Alpha;* then in 1962 by Elsa von Ruecau Jones, *Iota.*

Meantime another measure had been taken to preserve the pleasant and vital personal contact with collegiate presidents of almost sixty chapters. In 1958 Regional Collegiate Directors (changed in 1962 to National Collegiate Chairmen) had taken over the responsibility of giving personal attention to an assigned number of chapters, following much the same plan of contact set up in 1939. The Collegiate Secretary would maintain primary responsibility and also supervise the regional officers in their work. The work of the standing committees was again expanded, becoming even more important. Once again there was an enlarging of the circle of responsibility and opportunity in keeping with the needs of the times.

Locally college chapters have had the benefit of guidance and encouragement from their alumnæ and also, on most campuses from a Faculty Sponsor. These were generally chosen by the chapters from the faculty or wives of the faculty, then approved by the National Executive Council for initiation, and appointed to guide the chapter's welfare and to represent the Sorority with the college administration. Also Faculty Sponsors have honored by their presence Tri Sigma social events such as teas, dancing parties, and reception lines.

In 1911 the first Faculty Sponsor became part of the structure of the Sorority with the installation of Zeta chapter where the administration required faculty representation. Because administrators recognized the value of close association between a member of the faculty and a group of students, as a new chapter was installed a selected member of the faculty was usually invited to become its initiated sponsor. Sometimes co-sponsors have served a chapter though rarely more than two have served at one time.

Increasing professional duties during World War II and later the influx of students caused the Council to relieve faculty members of details of chapter guidance. Their duties were gradually transferred to officially appointed Alumnæ Advisers, a new procedure beginning in 1947. Faculty Sponsors have continued to hold a place of honor in the collegiate chapter, serving as liaison with the administration and the Council has continued to depend upon their maturity, wisdom, and loyal advice at all times.

In less than a decade, each chapter had an Alumnæ Advisory Board of three; by 1962 Boards were composed of five—Alumna Adviser, Membership Adviser, Financial Adviser, Educational Adviser, and Faculty Sponsor.

The alumnæ filling these positions oversee with continuity the best interests of the collegiate chapters. At the same time they provide guidance for specific chapter officers and activities using the Tri Sigma notebooks especially prepared for Board Members. Service on Alumnæ Advisory Boards has built understanding and appreciation of the Sorority. Standing as a monument is the loyalty of alumnæ who unselfishly give devotion so that collegiate generations, present and future, might know the finest in their undergraduate experiences. Both have gained from this special association.

. . . Council officers planning Traveling Secretary's chapter visits . . .

To supplement national contacts with collegiate chapters, Traveling Secretaries have served from time to time. Janet Mayer, *Alpha Nu,* 1951-1953; Nancy Herring, *Psi,* 1954-1955; Margery Gepner, *Alpha Chi,* 1957-1958; and Barbara Lyon, *Beta Beta,* 1960-1961, have all been able, representative young officers for Σ Σ Σ. Their visits with chapters, whether long or short, have brought cheer and strengthening of national bonds. Chapter visits are the privilege of all national officers whenever possible. The experiences shared are always mutually rewarding, with warm relationships speaking for the spirit of national sisterhood. This has also been true when a National Co-organizer has been enrolled as a student to assist a chapter strengthen its position. The first Co-organizer officially sent to guide a chapter was Julia Raiguel, *Psi,* in 1931.

The many services offered college chapters reflect the dedicated purposes of officers in administering their affairs. Tri Sigma's long established notebook system has provided an effectively integrated guide which has enabled each officer and chairman to become a responsible chapter leader. Chapter efficiency has always been encouraged as a training means for college mem-

bers. Through regular reports, a special meeting at Convention with all chapter presidents, visits in the interim, the National President continues to nurture college chapters, working closely with the Collegiate Secretary and all officers in whose personal charge the lifestream of the Sorority goes onward.

ALUMNÆ—Unique, perhaps, are the ways used by Sigma Sigma Sigma to hold by a silken cord the interest of its alumnæ. Much concern about this was shown even in the first decade of the life of the Sorority. *The Triangle* of those days often sent appeals to Sigmas who had left their alma maters urging them to continue interest and work for their order.

Under Phila Magee Tisdadt, *Gamma,* the alumnæ department had its real beginnings. Originally alumnæ chapters were so closely associated with the college chapter or its members that the word "Sigma" was merely added to identify the group as an alumnæ chapter—e.g., "Zeta Sigma," for what is now the *Buffalo Alumnæ Chapter.* Geographical names were soon adopted as more distinctive.

Working as Chairman of Alumnæ, in 1913 Phila Tisdadt enthusiastically began organizing alumnæ chapters and developing the potentials of alumnæ as a vital force in the future of the Sorority. Her belief in the importance of the alumnæ in Σ Σ Σ was so convincing that a place was created on the Council for an ALUMNÆ REPRESENTATIVE in 1917 and she was asked to serve.

Through her inspired work the extensive alumnæ department of today has developed. She reached out to alumnæ called "Strays"—because distances prevented their affiliating with an alumnæ chapter—especially. Working with her was Marie Luntz Barr, *Phi,* who as Stray Alumnæ Chairman, organized this branch of the alumnæ department. They called for alumnæ volunteers to serve as chairmen for their own college chapters in 1920, and had a warm response. This new department in another decade grew into the Chapter Alumnæ Chairmen system, supporting *The Triangle* with news and correct addresses, strengthening the overall spirit of continuing enthusiasm among alumnæ. Its mission was highly important for *The Triangle* reached only those alumnæ who had subscribed; the total membership circulation plan since 1936 has been a strengthening medium to keep all alumnæ in closer touch. By 1962 other methods had devedoped among alumnæ and the C.A.C. system was superseded by the chapter Newsletter medium of contact, that perhaps had its beginnings in the little *Stray* newsletter many alumnæ fondly remember, for the idea is the same: *to keep in touch.*

Phila retired as Alumnæ Representative in 1921, but from her gifted pen came the Circle Degree first conducted for alumnæ at the 1923 Convention. Succeeding her as National Alumnæ Representative was Joy Walters Estey, *Nu,* 1921-1925; Josephine Ganson Burr, *Kappa,* 1925-1936; Emily Machemer Gates, *Zeta* 1936-1937; Lucille Amesse Morrison, *Omicron,* 1937-1947; Erlene Hoppes Scheer, *Chi,* 1947-1949; Betty Furr Glathart, *Alpha*

Nu, 1949-1951; Nelda Francis Crawford, *Alpha*, 1951-1959; Emily Lewis Lee, *Alpha Upsilon*, 1959- . The title for this office was changed to ALUMNÆ SECRETARY in 1945.

As fully significant to the Sorority's growth as the addition of collegiate chapters are new or re-organized alumnæ chapters. The alumnæ chapter roll numbered 133 in 1962. Such necessary and increasing alumnæ support can be attributed to: (1) emphasis on alumnæ life begun in pledge training, (2) N.P.C. recognition of Σ Σ Σ, (3) City Panhellenic affiliation, (4) coordinated alumnæ department dedicated to strengthening past foundations. Undoubtedly organized alumnæ chapters give scope and meaning to Tri Sigma life membership.

In the 1950's State Days added a new dimension to the alumnæ program. Geared primarily to alumnæ interests, they also have served to blend collegiate and alumnæ participation which resulted in mutual appreciation and has developed better informed alumnæ. Sigma friendships are nurtured by such contacts. First-rate alumnæ chapter programs are developed by the sharing of the best from each other. Stronger support for national projects such as the Robbie Page Memorial are evidenced. Tri Sigmas who have participated are better informed sorority women, more aware of their important position as alumnæ of a national Greek-letter society. Often, many new chapters have been organized by "strays" in the course of a State Day. The same type program has been incorporated in regional meet plans and may be again in the future.

An increasingly serious, well organized alumnæ chapter program has emerged from almost every chartered group. Tri Sigmas want something worthwhile accomplished to mark their meetings. Wide latitude for local activities has always been allowed by the National Alumnæ Secretary in offering program suggestions. As activities have become more standardized in recent years with fine accomplishments in certain general areas, the Alumnæ Secretary in 1956 recommended presentation of an award to the most outstanding alumnæ chapter of the year. This has been done with happy results. (See Chapter Sixteen.)

Alumnæ assistance to collegiate chapters has advanced the Alumnæ Advisory Board system and set a fine example of loyalty for these younger Sigmas. Support of the recommendation system has also reflected alumnæ interest and cooperation. Every evidence of alumnæ responsibility adds strength to the Sorority now shared by growing thousands of alumnæ, who are making history today.

EXTENSION—The elected national officers, assisted by committees, have always sought to enrich the sorority program for the benefit of those new members steadily being added to the chapter roll. The Council, carefully conservative in its expansion policy, believed a *deep* growth of the sorority to be

. . . the elected national officers in 1959 . . .

preferable to mere numbers. At the same time every opportunity to expand wisely and honorably was carefully studied. Until 1947 it should be remembered the A.E.S.-N.P.C. agreement defined fields of operation (see the Chapter on Interfraternity Relations) so that the university field was closed to Σ Σ Σ. Yet this was an era of expansion; almost every issue of *The Triangle* during the 1920's gave dignified announcement of two or three new chapter installations. Colleges in Tri Sigma's field were rapidly advancing all over the United States. During the middle period of the expanding national operation in serving the teachers colleges, note the high aims of Lilly Edquist Williams, *Iota,* NATIONAL ORGANIZER, 1923-1929, that guided the chartering of new chapters. Excerpts from one of her letters reveal Tri Sigma policy:

"Our stated purpose from the founding . . . to establish a loyal, democratic band of girls united in the pursuance of common ideals—love of goodness, reverence for beauty, and devotion to the search of highest truth. However much we may have succeeded or failed in our purpose, criticism may be made of the results, not the aims. Our greater purpose decided upon in 1911 was to form a union like this among the body of women teachers who each year enter our teacher training colleges.

"We feel membership in Sigma Sigma Sigma can be of great profit as well as pleasure . . . the close friendships which are formed through the Sorority group are an inspiration that myriad acquaintanceships cannot give; membership in the Sorority is a constant obligation upon one to hold herself up to the highest standards of scholarship for one realizes the whole Sorority is judged by her record. After leaving school membership will mean a great deal to any teacher, for wherever she may go will be likely to find a sorority sister who has sworn fidelity to the same ideals and upon whom she can depend for help.

"Membership in the Sorority is by invitation and although good scholarship of itself does not necessarily constitute a basis of membership—still no invitation will be issued to girls of low scholarship."

Mabel West Leonard, *Kappa,* succeeded Lilly Edquist in 1929, followed by Helen Bate Cartwright, *Iota,* 1936-1941. Mary Hastings Holloway Page, *Alpha,* succeeded her as Organizer in 1941, combining the duties with those of Executive Secretary in 1945, which combination of operation continued when Marie Santee Dunham, *Alpha Iota,* assumed Executive Secretary duties in 1947. Subsequently in 1956 extension work became a committee assignment carried out by Lois Cameron Cesner, and then Marilynn Schmitt Kinsella. In 1962 Evelyn Bone Bennett, *Kappa,* became Chairman of the Extension Committee.

Sigma Sigma Sigma by its very nature has been geared to college and alumnæ chapter expansion. After the field of service to college campuses became unlimited through affiliation with N.P.C. in 1947, Tri Sigma continued to establish new chapters when given the opportunity. The Sorority has ever been an organization of serious purpose, believing its worthwhile services should be extended to others. Steady growth has been healthy and well balanced. Fortunately, the structure has been so well built Sigma could expand and establish new units in keeping with the Sorority's ideals of friendship even in a more competitive field.

It is significant to note that in the ten years following the Golden Anniversary Convention in 1947 and affiliation that fall with the National Panhellenic Conference, *seventeen new chapters* were installed, including the reinstatement of two which had been a direct casualty of former field complications: *Kappa* at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; and later *Rho* Chapter at the invitation of Florida State University, Tallahassee. When Tri Sigmas assembled for the "Keeping the Faith" Convention in 1962, a total of 79 chapters had received a national charter from Σ Σ Σ through the years.

As membership totals have grown to reach nearly twenty-six thousand, spreading from coast to coast and into foreign lands, the strictly mechanical processes of keeping in touch have created special needs and required ingenious solution. Even in the first decade of Sigma's life, the problem of maintaining active, up-to-date contact with alumnæ and chapters presented its problems.

Impressive and rewarding as Tri Sigma's growth has been, how this very

success has compounded problems of administration for part-time volunteer officers, always willing and dedicated but with personal responsibilities to family and often career as well. Compare the work of administering affairs of only twenty chapters in 1929 with more than three times that many three decades later! Indeed ingenuity and ability have been required. The marvel today is how effectively "problems of bigness" have been met without sacrificing fundamental principles endowing a friendship organization. Somehow the Sorority's leaders have managed to cope with the needs and opportunities of ever increasing number of both collegiates and alumnæ and to sustain the goal bequeathed them of fostering close personal contact among all Sigmas in their work. Shared enthusiasm has been a vital factor in carrying the Sorority onward; one has only to browse through the files of *The Triangle* to be impressed with this ageless spirit. Without this, the work of the officers would be meaningless indeed.

The story of the EDITORS-IN-CHIEF is carried in Chapter Fourteen on "Publications," while the work of the NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE DELEGATE is fully covered in Chapter Eleven. These areas of activity have naturally affected the entire Sorority and the officers responsible have been provided for in the governing structure of Σ Σ Σ through the years.

Keeping in touch! Keeping the vital spark of friendship bright and warm has motivated all endeavors. Every organization has a secretary who uses her time and talents to contact and to record. Tri Sigma's secretaries have done both.

From the beginning a Grand Council office, following the earliest secretaries mentioned elsewhere in this volume, the position of NATIONAL SECRETARY (Grand Secretary until 1921) was capably filled by Ruth Callahan Hathaway, *Zeta,* 1913-1917, Hazel Geer, *Omicron,* 1917-1921, Frances MacKan, *Alpha,* 1921-1925 and Ida Belle Appleby Dowdell, *Rho,* 1925 until her retirement from the Council in 1945. Then Mary Hastings Holloway Page, *Alpha,* became EXECUTIVE SECRETARY in this new office on the National Council that combined secretarial and other duties to streamline administrative operations. This change might be pointed out as typical of long range planning and careful evaluation of operations so that greatest efficiency can be attained and maintained. The Council has continually analyzed activities to avoid duplication of effort on both national and local levels. Marie Santee Dunham has been Executive Secretary since 1947.

Always to be businesslike! Another aim of the early national officers as their records clearly reveal and one conscientiously upheld by those who followed them. Thus businesslike procedures have characterized Tri Sigma operations from the first. Its leaders have taken pride in upholding such a standard. Because efficient, economical management of Sigma business has played so

significant a part in the Sorority's progress undergirding all its accomplishments, an account of the development of the national headquarters is of special interest.

The infancy of an organization composed of homogeneous membership has responsibilities peculiar to itself. Survival is of paramount importance. With limited funds progress was made cautiously, but time and experience inevitably revealed the paths ahead.

So it was with The Sigma Sigma Sigma, whose Alpha Chapter at the Farmville Normal School, with steadfast and loyal hearts, kept all affairs in order from 1898, founding date, to 1903, when Rhea Clarke Scott, *Alpha,* became Grand President. She, with officers of the Grand Chapter, began the expansion already recorded in this volume. She was a teacher moving from school to school as teachers did and still do. When asked to recall those four years of her presidency, with special reference to office equipment, she smilingly said, "There is not much to say regarding the first Executive Office of Tri Sigma. All affairs concerning my office were carried on wherever I happened to be—in my home or in my boarding room at school. Important letters and papers were kept locked in a metal file, and this I gave over to my successor."

Of her successor, Bess Bennett Brower Willis, *Gamma,* much the same could be said. She, too, was a teacher, and, during her term (1908-1913) attended to many matters pertaining to over-all functioning of twelve chapters, with annual Conventions, inspections of college and alumnæ groups; even so, this second National President had not the convenience of a Central Office. Nor did the third National President for many years.

However, with fine co-operation on the part of national officers and the fortunate geographical location of one of these who remained in her hometown, a certain permanency of office procedures was established. As early as 1905, Mabel Lee Walton, *Gamma,* some time Business Manager and Editor of *The Triangle,* in 1911 National Vice-President, and from 1913 as Grand President, maintained a "desk and office" in her home in Woodstock, Virginia.

CENTRAL OFFICE—Such were the beginnings of the days which have seen "Central Office of Sigma Sigma Sigma" written in capital letters in all publications and in the hearts of all Tri Sigmas. There is uniqueness and romance in the through-the-years story of Tri Sigma's Central Office, later called the Executive Office of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

When in 1918, the National President, Mabel Lee Walton, having several years before attended Bryant and Stratton Business School, accepted a position as Executive Secretary of the Methodist Church Baltimore Conference Missionary Centenary, she was assigned an office in the bank in Woodstock, Virginia. Her uncle, Judge E. D. Newman, was the head of the Centenary program and needed her there for this work. Tri Sigma's office went with her.

Because the Sorority's growth demanded increasing time and space, the national headquarters had to be moved in 1925 to a separate building. Then a

. . . first national headquarters in 1925 . . .

self-supporting Central Office was officially set up in the former Walton and Walton law office, a small brick building that had been planned and erected by Moses and David Walton in 1855 as a part of Lawyers' Row near the historic Shenandoah County Court House.

Location of the Sorority's first Central Office in Woodstock, Virginia, was eminently appropriate because of the family connections. Moses Walton had three granddaughters, and one great granddaughter who became members of Tri Sigma. Of the granddaughters, Mabel Lee, and the great granddaughter, Mary Hastings Holloway Page, became National Presidents of the Sorority. Close by the little Sigma office was the spacious home of the Waltons where Southern hospitality was given generously to all who came to work on Tri Sigma's business.

This little brick building had other historic associations, for within it had echoed the voice of Stonewall Jackson who used it for his office, and the friendly porch with its slim white columns had known the other great Southern General, Robert E. Lee.

In 1937 Mabel Lee Walton moved from her old home in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to settle in the lovely lakes section of Florida. In a convenient downtown location, a trim white cottage with magnificent purple bougainvillea and the avocado tree nearby became headquarters for Tri Sigma. The little town of Clermont was properly proud of its national sorority office, especially after the volume of incoming and outgoing mail moved its post office up one class.

. . . headquarters at Clermont, Florida, for Tri Sigma . . .

To this office national officers sent their materials to be typed, mimeographed and mailed. *Sigma Script* was published and sent out each month from here. Increasing centralization was planned for the sake of economy and efficiency. This has always been the aim of the organization and one source of strength and stability. The Living Directory with its numerous files was set up in this office in 1937, requiring constant checking and changing and adding new member cards. It was indeed "Sigma Sigma Sigma Central Office wherein is efficiency with a heart." The Endowment Department by 1938 was established in national headquarters, assuring prompt and accurate accounting, keeping correct addresses at all times, and affording quick access to all endowment records.

During the years of World War II when national activities were greatly curtailed, Central Office proved its worth many times over. The purple ink freely flowed to reinforce communications, to train Alumnæ Visitors by mail for their important assignments, to sustain the lifeline among Tri Sigmas everywhere while the victory was being won.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE—As part of the advance planning, already pointed out, to prepare for changes ahead, Central Office had changed its name in keeping with modern organizational terms. But its functions went on the same, only more voluminous with additions to all services and records each passing year.

When Mabel Lee Walton retired from the national presidency at the Golden Jubilee Convention in 1947, all departments of the national headquarters had already been conveniently transferred. Without a break in the

. . . Mabel Lee at her desk in Sigma Cottage . . .

prompt and efficient service that had always been the aim of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Executive Office had moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma.

With Marie Santee Dunham, *Alpha Iota,* Executive Secretary, serving as office manager as well, operations of Σ Σ Σ's Executive Office have been maintained at Muskogee and at Denison, headquarters location in 1962.

Representative of growth, tangible and intangible, the Executive Office has become the Sorority's indispensable service center for administration of Tri Sigma business. In keeping with efficient execution of duties, each Council officer and national chairman has set up her own "desk and office." In these times, however, the volume of routine officer mail is produced by the staff at Executive Office, depended upon to assist in this and other ways in handling the details of expanded responsibilities. Although the national headquarters has changed locations with its managers from Virginia to Florida to Oklahoma to Texas, yet Executive Office has continued to function as the *central office* of Σ Σ Σ in which the members have taken such affectionate pride.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL HEADQUARTERS—For many years, however, the Sorority's officers had been dreaming of a permanent, representative national headquarters where Executive Office could even more effectively function as the center of Tri Sigma's organization. Recommendations had repeatedly been made that plans be developed to accomplish this. Then a bequest from a former Council officer inspired formation of a National Memorial Headquarters Committee prior to the 1962 Convention. In the account of the 1962 Convention and in *The Triangle* can be read details of what next occurred.

Tri Sigmas began planning for Σ Σ Σ National Headquarters to come home again to Virginia, where roots are deepest, where most of the beloved traditions began, where hearts turn each Founders Day, where Tri Sigma was born. The Committee stated in part . . . *"We think the time has come for the Sorority to have a home of its own.* A larger office than at present will soon be necessary because of the great and ever-increasing volume of business for the over 60 collegiate chapters, scores of alumnæ chapters, the Living Directory, the Endowment Department, the supply department, the mimeographing department —for all of the quantity and quality of work that pours out of Tri Sigma's hub center. . . . The office was located first and longest in Woodstock, Virginia, from 1913 to 1937, because this was the home of Mabel Lee Walton. Woodstock is still the most beautiful and meaningful place for the location of the Sorority's National Memorial Headquarters. There it lies in that lovely Shenandoah Valley, between two steadfast mountain ranges, Shenadoah—'the daughter of the stars.' "

National Memorial Headquarters in Virginia—a memorial to all Tri Sigmas who have served the Sorority, to all who will serve in years yet to come . . . a memorial to all that Sigma Sigma Sigma has grown to be, from its significant beginnings through all the steadfast strivings of those entrusted with stewardship. Such a national headquarters is something every Sigma can own, something to give to new young Sigmas as a part of their birthright. Indeed the National Memorial Headquarters "can be made beautiful by the carrying back of the glories of all the states to Virginia; each college and alumnæ chapter, all members everywhere, can be represented in the house and garden, built of love of Tri Sigma."

CHAPTER TEN

The Five National Presidents

But a smooth and steadfast mind, gentle thoughts, and calm desires, hearts with equal love combined, kindle never-dying fires. . . .

—THOMAS CAREW

MABEL LEE WALTON

Third National President, 1913-1947

Of course Mabel Lee was only retiring from the rigorous demands of leadership responsibility she had so long and faithfully carried. She by no means ceased active participation in Sorority affairs. At the Golden Jubilee Convention she was appointed chairman of the newly-created Advisory Board, and in that capacity for the next three trienniums attended all conferences of the Executive Board, thereby continuing to give Tri Sigma the benefit of her wide experience in all areas of policy and government. At the 1956 Conven-

tion she was acclaimed President Emerita to hold this new position of honor in Σ Σ Σ. Although increasingly crippled with painful rheumatism, Mabel Lee has continued her great interest in the Sorority's progress, attending meetings when her health permitted. She has always had indomitable will and gallant spirit as Sigmas well know.

She was surrounded, as she loves to be, by Sigma girls at both the 1959 and 1962 Conventions. They see in her the living spirit of Tri Sigma.

MARY HASTINGS HOLLOWAY PAGE

Fourth National President, 1947-1956

When Mary Hastings Holloway was thirteen years old she received a letter from the Editor of *The Triangle,* "Eddie" Schmidt, pointing out her special Tri Sigma heritage and charging her to live up to it. That this message had lasting influence can hardly be doubted in view of events that have followed.

First national service for the Sorority began in 1936 when a willing but untried editor of *The Angle* from Alpha Chapter named "Mary Hastings" went to Washington to produce the Convention daily with the assistance of an unknown Tri Sigma from Tau Chapter named "Mary Eileen." With this auspicious beginning Virginia and New Mexico joined hearts, with lasting gratitude to Tri Sigma. Since those days not only have they remained in close harmony of purpose for Σ Σ Σ but there has grown for them a steadfast personal friendship. When the Historian asked that the life story of the fourth National President be written it was Mary Eileen who, in the words of Mabel Lee Walton, "dipped her pen in her heart" and wrote for the first edition of the History—

For the second edition of *The Years Remembered* . . . Mary Eileen was asked to complete the story of the fourth National President. She wrote again—

At the History Convention in 1956 Tri Sigmas learned the time had come to divide the offices once more of National President and Interfraternity Representative, combined long ago in 1925. They also learned of Hastings' decision not to stand for re-election as National President; she believed this privilege should now be given to another, trained and qualified. Hastings promised to continue to serve the Sorority whenever and wherever needed.

All this is to be found recorded in the story of that historic 1956 Convention. The record speaks largely for itself throughout the events of history for the many years of dedicated service Hastings has given Tri Sigma. She has gone on to represent the Sorority in the interfraternity world, as she agreed

in 1956, with all Tri Sigmas pleased to have one so well endowed by training and experience to fill this demanding position. Details of her service as N.P.C. Delegate are to be found in Chapter Eleven.

The manifold responsibilities of the double office of National President and N.P.C. Delegate that were carried for nine strenuous, crucial years—both for the Sorority and personally—had strengthened the spirit of determination and courage all knew Hastings possessed. Her leadership was always dynamic and forward looking, inspiring confidence that anything undertaken would be accomplished. It could be considered assurance then that her retirement meant all was well with Sigma Sigma Sigma, that goals had been won, and that the Sorority was in a sound position to accomplish more good works.

A list of achievements in Tri Sigma's organization is not readily made, for many are intangible. As National President and immediate past National President it can be said that Mary Hastings Page has lived wholeheartedly her convictions of faith in Tri Sigma and its members to hold a worthwhile place in the Greek-letter world and to make contributions of lasting value. She is that rare combination, the dreamer and the doer, the artist and the organizer. She has made the most of her talents, her energies, her time, in sorority service. And in her giving, loving and sharing we are all enriched indeed!

MARGARET MAY FREEMAN DIXON

Fifth National President, 1956-

Because it holds true that every person has a special talent or gift to express and that abilities freely used are rewarded with progress and success, the life story of the fifth National President of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Margaret Freeman Dixon, of Sigma chapter, as penned by those who have known her through the years, would also seem to prove there is a special destiny for some—or in the words of "Sigma Symphony," *God's hand guides our going....*

When the offices of National President and National Panhellenic Conference Delegate were separated at the 1956 Convention, the mantle of highest office then fell upon Margaret Dixon, well prepared to receive it. Her background for new duties as National President held as unique and interesting a combination of Tri Sigma circumstances and experiences as anyone could imagine.

Her national sorority experience began before either the "Dixon" or the "Sigma" were officially placed after her name, when Margaret came to the Sorority's National Convention at the Colorado Springs Broadmoor Hotel in 1939, proudly wearing a pledge pin to be exchanged there for the indented Triangle badge of her "big sister," Eula Mae Gilbert, loaned for the occasion. Already outstanding during her pledgehood at Western State College at Gunnison, Colorado, Margaret had been chosen as one of the two pledges

Margaret May Freeman Dixon, National President, 1956–
. . . steadfastness to purpose, ideal, and duty . . .

from Sigma chapter to become honor initiates at "The Peak Convention." To be initiated by the National President at Convention is a privilege only a few fortunate Tri Sigmas can joyfully claim. For Margaret, as an idealistic undergraduate, it was an impressive experience with enduring inspiration. Certainly none could know that summer evening in Colorado that in future years Margaret would wear the diamond badge herself as National President and be the one at another Convention to conduct initiation of her own

daughter, Carol Catherine Dixon, a special pledge of 1961-62 from Sigma chapter. This rare event of such beautiful Tri Sigma significance and sentiment was to take place twenty-three years later at the "Keeping the Faith Convention" at Biloxi, Mississippi. History repeating itself in a lovely, unusual way!

At the 1939 Convention it can be noted Mabel Lee Walton, then National President, had said in a panel discussion on leadership, "Leaders are either born or they are made." Time proved her wisdom, for quiet leadership in the making began then with Margaret Freeman that has been amply illustrated as she has moved upward through the ranks in her sorority responsibilities.

But what of the early years during which were built such strong foundations of loyalty and devotion to the ideal of service to others?

La Junta in southeast Colorado became home when Margaret was a first grader. She was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Christmas Day to Walter H. and Ufa Baker Freeman, the first of six children, and grew up in a family rich in shared love and encouragement. Her mother's heritage goes back to Virginia. The family went west from their home near Warrenton as pioneers had earlier done, first to Missouri. There Walter and Ufa went to school together and were married, moving then to Michigan, and finally in the middle 1920's to Colorado.

Margaret herself writes:

"Mother taught school for a brief time, then was a full time and devoted mother. Dad to this day is marked by great intellectual curiosity, is an avid reader, and a man who enjoys discussions and has opinions!

"Closeness of family extends beyond the Freeman immediate bounds, and includes many aunts, uncles, and cousins, who have gathered twenty-five and thirty strong for holiday occasions. My grandmother, Ella May Baker, whose middle name is mine, and whom we call 'Bo' or 'Bobo', was widowed when my mother was only four and has made her home with us, for the most part, all of my life. Because she's been so interested in all of us and our lives, she's remained "young in heart," even though at this writing she is 81. 'Bo' has always been ready to help anywhere in the family where needed, and took care of the Dixon family often so that I could go on sorority trips. . . . The entire family, as they have been all of my life, are proud of my 'accomplishments' and they still invest love, understanding and encouragement in me and all their children. . . ."

Margaret enjoyed school and was an ambitious student, finishing high school as valedictorian of her class. She was voted "girl most likely to succeed." It was in her second high school year that she enrolled in journalism class under a gifted teacher, who became a good friend and was instrumental in Margaret's going to Western State. She edited the high school paper for two years, following the journalistic bent that was so obviously one of her talents, and as she says, "just lived it."

While editing the paper, Margaret recalls:

"When Roosevelt was campaigning in 1936, the Democratic county leaders took me to Pueblo, where we boarded the presidential special. No adult reporters were allowed to see President Roosevelt and his wife, the press secretary handling their interviews. Because I was such a 'young reporter' I was invited to talk with Mrs. Roosevelt. I had twenty memorable minutes with her and was introduced to the President. It was a wonderful experience for a high school student!"

To begin college at Western State College of Colorado Margaret Freeman came to Gunnison across beautiful Monarch Pass in the fall of 1938. Gunnison is set in a lofty fertile valley, high above sea level, cradled by towering mountains, snowcapped much of the year. Skiing is the general enthusiasm of the long winters as are fishing and camping in groves of spruce and fir in the brief bright summers. The Gunnison River which skirts the town is storied among trout anglers. Inevitably this secluded area of the Rocky Mountains becomes a heart-home for those who come from all across the country to attend Western State College, which offers opportunities for leadership development and individual attention to scholarship which Margaret Freeman took full advantage of.

One of her firm friends among the faculty became Hannah Praxl, physical education professor and faculty sponsor of Sigma chapter. Theirs has been a lasting friendship, and it is Hannah who describes Margaret in these words of understandable pride:

"There is a saying to the effect that big things often come in small packages. Margaret Dixon stands only five feet one in her stocking feet, but her spirit often seems nine feet tall. To her professors she seemed a rather shy individual, but with a ready, whimsical smile. She approached her academic work in a serious manner indicative of high scholastic aspirations. But to her peers she showed another part of her personality: a friendly cheerful coed who took 'ribbing' well, was vivacious and buoyant with a sparking sense of humor.

. . . a friendly, cheerful coed . . .

"As a freshman she was awarded a coveted four year Boettcher Foundation scholarship, and pledged Sigma chapter. During her college career she held a responsible position in the public relations department of the college.

"Margaret was one of the first women editors of the student weekly publication, *Top O' The World,* and one of the first women presidents of the Press Club. She also held responsible offices on the staff of the college yearbook. In all of these positions she displayed her journalistic aptitudes and

carried out the duties of her offices in a dynamic, efficient, though quiet way.

"In Sigma chapter she filled a number of offices, including that of recording secretary her junior year. During her term as president in 1941-42, she set standards for one of the largest pledge groups in the history of the chapter. She attended the Regional Meet at Las Vegas that fall, where contributions as delegate from her chapter were outstanding enough to mark her as probable future national sorority officer material.

"In her senior year she was elected one of the 'Mountaineers,' an honor bestowed at Western State upon a few outstanding students annually. She maintained a high scholastic standing in spite of continually working and participating in many extracurricular activities.

"Margaret has always shown the graciousness and consideration of a great person. She exemplifies modesty in her successes and courage and determination under adverse situations, and is the epitome of steadfastness to purpose, ideals and duty."

. . . a sense of humor. . . .

"Kim" Rose, who was later to become editor of *The Triangle* remembers Margaret as a member of Sigma chapter thus:

"She had soft brown hair, flashing hazel eyes behind scholarly glasses, a firm but dimpled chin, fair skin, and a low voice. She was small boned and very feminine, soft-spoken but with a mind of her own. I was newly enrolled at Western State when I first remember her. She would drop into the rooms of pledges down the dormitory halls to talk earnestly with them about Tri Sigma. Always we knew how dearly she loved the Sorority. . . . Margaret has, of course, blossomed and matured since those college days, but the fine qualities of organization of time, serious dependability, and a saving sense of humor were there from the beginning."

College schedule for Margaret was packed full. Yet there was time for romance, too. Curtis Dixon of Rye, Colorado, intent and studious, with a bright smile to match Margaret's own, was editor of the yearbook in 1940, and Margaret assisted him. Soon they were one of "the" couples on campus. Curtis graduated in 1941, and immediately enlisted as an air cadet. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in April, 1942, and assigned to Alaska in May, completely upsetting plans made for a June wedding following Margaret's graduation. While with the Air Transport Com-

mand, flying materiel and troops over the Aleutian Islands for building U.S. air strips, Curtis was given an assignment later that summer to bring an injured plane back to Ogden, Utah. Margaret met him there, and they were married August 29, 1942.

When Curtis returned to Alaska Margaret came home to Colorado, where she taught English and Journalism in the Fowler High School for a year. In the fall of 1943 she happily traded chalk and eraser for sterilizer and safety pins as tiny Carol Catherine was welcomed into the family circle. Mabel Lee, visiting Colorado chapters at the time, came to see Margaret when Carol was just a few days old. "The youngest and prettiest baby I've ever seen," claims "the Queen" to this day. Mabel Lee remembered Margaret, of course, from the Broadmoor Convention where she initiated her and especially from her visit to Sigma chapter the year Margaret was president. How many other earnest chapter officers could agree with Margaret's memory, "What impressed me most was Mabel Lee's warm steady gaze."

. . . capable support. . . .
Margaret Dixon and Helen Cartwright

After Curtis returned to the States, he eventually was assigned to the operations office of the Reno, Nevada, air base, where the Dixons remained until he was released from active duty in September, 1945. While in Reno Margaret did public relations work for the Air Base Women's Club, and also wrote some feature articles for *The Triangle.*

As president of her chapter Margaret had reported to Mary Hastings Page, then serving as Assistant to the National President, and her letters had been remembered as "outstanding." Thus, when from Reno, with chubby year old Carol in the playpen beside her, Margaret wrote Mabel Lee, volunteering to do "anything that would be helpful to Sigma," she was well recommended.

When the Dixons moved to Denver in 1945, where Curtis became a Frontier Air Lines dispatcher, Margaret was feature editor of *The Triangle.* She promptly joined the Denver Alumnæ Chapter. In 1947 the Executive Council asked Margaret to serve as Director of Public Information, a new public relations department in the Sorority, which her journalistic abilities soon had functioning.

Then Margaret's Tri Sigma career took a turn into another channel. As a result of association in the Denver Alumnæ Chapter Helen Cartwright, National Treasurer, saw in Margaret fine qualities of competence and dependability. When increasingly detailed services of the treasury department made it apparent that Helen needed assistance in carrying out her duties to the Sorority as a whole, as well as to her family, she recommended to the Executive Council that Margaret be appointed to serve as her assistant. This was done late in 1947 and indicative of Margaret's ability to accept new challenges is the fact that although she had not majored in business and accounting, she learned quickly the bookkeeping procedures of Tri Sigma's treasury department. Her capable support enabled Helen to carry on her duties as National Treasurer until 1953. Theirs became a close and fine relationship.

Margaret was attending various national sorority meetings and conferences in those critical postwar years, fast gaining valuable background for future Council responsibilities. As public relations officer for Tri Sigma she was present at the historic interfraternity meeting at the Antlers Hotel at Colorado Springs in 1947 when Tri Sigma affiliated with the National Panhellenic Conference. Also, she attended the crucial officers' planning conference following it at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver to assist with decisions and prepare as well for her new work in the Sorority's treasury department.

Incidentally, it was at the Brown Palace meeting that she received her Sigma soubriquet of "Dixie," bestowed by Mabel Lee, who herself had been given by Tri Sigmas this special name now so familiar. "Dixie," still uses "Margaret" for dignified signature, but for friendly informality within the Sorority, she has remained and is someone special called "Dixie." (Southern Sigmas now hum "Dixie" with extra fondness after meeting her, and during her 1960 Gulf region inspection visits one of the chapters presented a golden charm for her Sigma bracelet engraved "In the heart of Dixie" to show their loyal devotion.)

As Assistant National Treasurer Margaret participated in several Executive Council planning conferences as proxy for Helen Cartwright. She also accepted assignments for some creative and editorial writing, however full the days. In 1948 and again in 1950 she updated *Dear Pledge*. Always her gift with words has been used effectively for Tri Sigma. Carol as a five year old "played sorority" with her desk and files beside Margaret as *Dear Pledge* was edited.

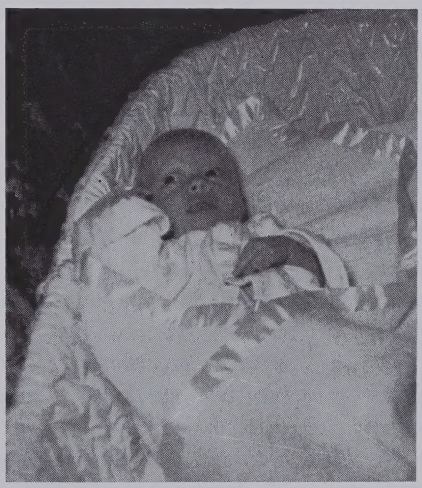
When Helen Cartwright found it necessary to resign as Treasurer in 1953, by this time well known, diminutive "Dixie" was a logical successor, competent, and already experienced in Tri Sigma financial procedures. She was elected to fill this responsible position on the National Executive Council at the "By the Sea Convention"; those who congratulated her, at the traditional reception given for the Council after installation of officers, felt rightly that the small firm hand extended them in greeting would indeed handle sorority funds reliably and conscientiously. Margaret served as National Treasurer for

the triennium until 1956, when at the "History Convention" in Estes Park, Colorado, she was unanimously chosen National President of the Sorority. *The Triangle,* Fall, 1956, prophesied correctly that, "Margaret, trained, tried and proved in national experience, will be a devoted successor to Mary Hastings Page in the office of president."

By 1956 "the transition years" following Tri Sigma's entrance into National Panhellenic Conference had been successfully concluded with competition met and gains made. With Tri Sigma securely established, the following years under "Dixie's" leadership have been devoted to the perpetual goal of "perfecting what we have." The Executive Council has concentrated on strengthening the inner organization of Tri Sigma for an ever larger Sorority and in carrying out effectively recommendations made by the fourth National President to the 1956 Convention for the future.

And what of Margaret Dixon's personal life during this active and constructive career of sorority service? The three "C's," Curtis, Carol and Cleve, are the pivotal letters of her personal life, of course, as the three Σ's have been in another aspect of it.

In 1946 Margaret participated in the Denver Regional Meet activities only to a limited extent, awaiting the May arrival of the second Dixon child. Little Paul lived only a few short days, however, bringing deep sorrow to this close and devoted family. In the summer of 1954, eight years later, Margaret came to Council meeting with the exciting news that sterilizer and safety pins were again to be a part of Dixon household planning. Cleve Kearny Dixon, hale, husky, and happy, indeed a "miracle baby," was welcomed in December with special thanksgiving by his parents and sister Carol. Margaret adapted her National Treasurer's schedule to include a lively small son's activities. As the years sped by Cleve "helped" Mother write Sigma letters and file and study reports until time to enter the exciting world of school. Cleve's helpful spirit was doubless imbued from the cooperative attitudes of his father and sister toward Margaret's increasing sorority responsibilities.



. . . a "miracle baby". . . .

Curtis, familiar with the opportunities for service in the field of fraternity, displays pride in Margaret's achievements and understands the demands on her time by this voluntary dedication to Sigma Sigma Sigma. For her part

. . . cooperative attitudes . . . three C's. . . .
Carol, Margaret, Cleve, Curtis

Margaret has exercised the tact and consideration needed by any wife and mother who successfully manages special activities. On winter vacations, "Dixie" carries portfolio and dictaphone along for a few work sessions in a cozy, snow-banked motel or lodge near the excellent Colorado ski slopes where Curtis and Carol love to ski. When Curt goes out fishing Margaret goes, too, but she probably has a purple pen in hand instead of a flyrod as she sits quietly near a flashing clear mountain stream.

Carol was the President's Page at the 1956 Convention and has grown up knowing and admiring members of the Executive Council and other close Tri Sigma friends of her mother's. She chose with sentiment uppermost to enter Western State as a freshman in 1961, just 20 years after her father had served as student body president. When Sigma chapter invited her to pledge, her choice of Sigma Sigma Sigma was a natural culmination of many years of happy and satisfying relationships with wonderful Tri Sigmas.

The continuing growth and progress of the Sorority underscore the wisdom of the 1956 Convention in choosing for National President one who is perceptive, confidence-inspiring and purposeful. Her devotion to and hopes for Sigma Sigma Sigma are reflected in the open letter which appeared in *The Triangle* following her election as National President, quoted here in part that all may know something of the spirit of Margaret Dixon who guides the sorority modestly, yet proudly and successfully:

To the Past we owe a debt of love and appreciation for the order so brilliantly conceived and nurtured. Gladly we give our hearts to the past of Tri Sigma, for to be truly Tri Sigmas in the present, we must understand and value our beginnings and our development. What we are today grows surely and confidently from what was and what has been. This unbroken circle of friendship has been given into our keeping; we shall cherish and guard it. . . .

We pledge the work of our hearts, our minds, and our hands to maintain unchanged except in strengthening, for Sigmas yet to come, the heritage bequeathed from the years so affectionately remembered.

Receiving much, we will be steadfast.

Margaret's many fine qualities were always recognized by her teachers, her fellow classmates, and her proud family, as well as by her Sorority. Yet she herself found the time and the will to develop her leadership potential and to channel the direction her capabilities would take. Tri Sigma is fortunate indeed to have a purpose and ideals to attract girls of such caliber as this in their college days, who continue in the ever widening circle of national service to carry on those ideals. At the 1939 "Peak Convention" when Margaret began her life as a Tri Sigma, a guest speaker told the assembly, "He who would enkindleth another must himself glow." Truly Margaret Freeman Dixon accepted this challenge for both her personal and Tri Sigma life. She glows always steadfastly with Σ spirit and selfless dedication.

These stories of Sigma Sigma Sigma's five Presidents will hold the attention of the many who have seen them and have known them and their dedicated devotion to our Sorority. Those who have not seen them, although having felt undeniably the force of their power as builders of the Tri Sigma that we all know and love, will also find their interest engaged.

Here are life and color and above all, years upon years of vision, wisdom, and understanding which have been given in large measure to insure the onward growth of the Order in which they wholeheartedly believed. A charming and unique quality shines about each of the Σ Σ Σ National Presidents, so different in personality and talents, so similar in sincere dedication brought to the highest office the Sorority can bestow. With such leadership no organization could be more fortunate. Each of these devoted women has given to our Order an imprint of her fine personality that will live forever in our hearts and at our altars. Sigma Sigma Sigma has indeed been blessed!

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Interfraternity Affiliations

As one lamp lights another nor grows less
So nobleness enkindleth nobleness
—JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

BEFORE RELATING events preceding the historic date of Sigma Sigma Sigma's affiliation with the National Panhellenic Conference, it will be helpful to present background building from the earliest days of both organizations.

The whole picture becomes clearer even at the risk of some repetition if the year 1911 of Sigma history is brought to mind. That is the date when Tri Sigma made the decision to pioneer in an untried field: namely to charter chapters exclusively in normal colleges. Early stories of expansion in fraternal orders for women show nearly the same rather confusing pattern for all, explained only by a knowledge of the history of education in the United States at the turn of the century, when the entire country was expanding in population and industrial growth. Interest in higher education for women was expanding, too.

In this matter of education, many institutions of learning were developing almost beyond the powers of their boards and trustees to control. Sectional interests at home and the influences of schools abroad had their various parts to play in the administration of our educational programs in America.

One source of historical information based on reliable surveys made in the first decade of the twentieth century shows that there were in the United States at that time about three hundred normal schools and colleges of which one-fifth were under private control, and the remainder under state or municipal jurisdictions. Few had been in existence for more than half a century, while others, especially those under private control, had only a few years to their credit. Some had an annual income of $200,000 while others had less than $2,000. A few could count their students by the thousands; others by the scores. Requirement for matriculation in some cases was a diploma from a four year high school, while in others examinations were given for those entering from grade schools, with provisional teaching certificates granted after one year of training. Some of the normal colleges offered courses demanding four years of residence which led to the bachelor's degree, that degree being accepted in leading universities.

Currently operating with these institutions were those with private endowments, known as academies, seminaries, others of non-collegiate rank, and universities of A rating. Zeal and privilege for the higher education of the daughters of the Republic were not lacking; financial status of the family was, however, often a determining factor in the choice of schools.

Secret orders for women were beginning to appear by the middle of the nineteenth century. History shows Alpha Delta Pi traces its beginnings to Wesleyan Female College, Macon, Georgia, in 1851. Phi Mu was founded there in 1852. Pi Beta Phi followed at Monmouth College in 1867. In the 1870's Kappa Alpha Theta at DePauw University functioned as the first national sorority. Kappa Kappa Gamma at Monmouth, Delta Gamma at Oxford, Mississippi, Sigma Kappa at Colby College, with Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta at Syracuse University, and others were being formed, some in normal schools, others in schools of mixed curricula.

The earliest record of anything like an interfraternity movement is quoted from the National Panhellenic Conference *Mannual of Information,* 1958 edition; "In fraternity magazines of 1882 there appeared editorials suggesting the need for an interfraternity organization. In February, 1883, the editors of fourteen fraternity periodicals met in Philadelphia to discuss the advisability of calling a conference of fraternity officers. They issued the call for such a meeting in New York City in 1884. The women's groups were invited to participate, as they were 'founded upon similar ideals and purposes, so joint consideration and action would make possible the solution of problems common to all.' Apparently this 1884 conference never materialized. Fraternity magazines continued to discuss the advantages of cooperative effort, in which the exchange of magazines, news and copy by their editors was pioneering."

THE FIRST INTERFRATERNITY ASSOCIATION—Then a few years later National Panhellenic developed as the Manual gives its history: "The 1890 convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma passed a resolution authorizing its officers to invite the women's college fraternities to meet in a Panhellenic convention in Boston to discuss methods for interfraternity cooperation. Seven fraternities—Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi—were represented at this conference, April 16-17, 1891.

"Discussion centered around the topics: interfraternity and interchapter courtesy, fraternity jewerly and stationery, Greek journalism, and participation in the Chicago World's Fair, 1893. A standing committee on Panhellenism, one representative of each of the seven fraternities, was appointed to continue the organization. This committee had charge of the women's participation in the Congress of Fraternities at the Chicago World's Fair, July 19-20, 1893. Many prominent men and women spoke at this Congress, but there, apparently, the cooperative movement ended.

"Nine years later, Alpha Phi issued invitations for a meeting in Chicago, May 24, 1902. Present were delegates from Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi. The appointed delegates of Alpha Chi Omega and Chi Omega were unable to attend, although these two groups were represented at all subsequent conferences.

"The purpose of this meeting was consideration of the 'question of pledging and rushing,' and suggestions for a 'set of bylaws to be adopted by all fraternities, which should tend to the amelioration of existing conditions.' From the long day of discussion came a definition of rushing, recommendation of a pledge day with formal written invitations to join, advice to ban mock initiations, and a name—"Intersorority Conference." But the significant act was a resolution to sponsor annual meetings, to be called by the fraternities in rotation, each of which was to send one delegate to each conference.

"Thus women's fraternities formed the first national interfraternity association. In 1909 the men's fraternities formed a similar organization—the National Interfraternity Conference."

It is interesting to note that Sigma Sigma Sigma was invited to attend the 1904 Conference and planned to send the Grand President or her deputy to the meeting at Chicago the next fall after a favorable vote by the 1905 Convention. At the organizational meetings of the Intersorority Conference the first order of rotation which listed the member fraternities was agreed upon. The first constitution was drawn in 1905 and sent to the grand presidents for approval. Those delegates in attendance thereafter constituted the Conference as a body. Had Σ Σ Σ been represented, the entire course of the Sorority's history and development, so pioneering in service and worthwhile in purpose, would probably have been changed from its manifest destiny in the teacher education field.

The Conference met annually for several years and developed many stabilizing procedures: rotation in office, constitutions for the Conference and for local Panhellenics, discouragement of high school sororities, and in 1908 a prepared journal exchange list to be sent to each fraternity editor. In 1913 biennial conferences superseded annual conferences. Under various names—National Panhellenic Conference in 1908 replaced Intersorority Conference, to be replaced in 1912 by National Panhellenic Congress, which in November, 1945 was changed to Conference again by a new Constitution and By-Laws—the present National Panhellenic Conference evolved into an essential element in the fraternity system.

This narrative having digressed for clarification of the early development of interfraternity organizations as well as the status of certain institutions now returns to that period when historic decisions were made by the "Farmville Four" founded in Virginia, at the State Female Normal School as it was

known at that time: K Δ October, 1897; Σ Σ Σ, April, 1898; Z T A, October, 1898,; A Σ A, November, 1901. The stage was set for the fascinating saga of Tri Sigma's varied and various interfraternity affiliations. Each had its challenges and its values. A unique heritage of survival and progress would result from these interfraternity endeavors. Fortunately, gifted, determined, and idealistic leadership represented Σ Σ Σ in all these events here summarized as a matter of history.

Eligibility rulings of the Intersorority Conference were affecting all sororities which had chapters in schools not considered institutions of highest collegiate rank. As early as 1905 Zeta Tau Alpha began a study of Conference advantages and as a result arranged to relinquish its Alpha and Eta chapters and to enter the Conference. This was done in 1909 (with the provision that a member of the Alpha chapter should hold office on the governing board as long as its alumnæ were qualified). In 1912 Kappa Delta followed the same course and affiliated with the Conference.

THE ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATION SORORITIES—Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Sigma Alpha, the other two of the "Farmville Four," chose to take another path. As the leader, Tri Sigma, in Convention at Richmond in 1911, a date of memory, proposed the dramatic innovation that honored her Alpha Chapter and one, though untried, that was based on high aims combined with faith and hope. Normal colleges exclusively were to be Tri Sigma's new field for chartering Greek-letter orders for women. This was a broad field relatively unexplored by sororities. Because of this choice, such words as "Professional Hall," "The Rotunda" and "Mrs. Richardson" of Farmville lend charm and have proud meanings that endure. Undeniably, the success that has followed the venture has proved its worth a thousandfold.

Meantime, the years from 1906 to 1915 had brought problems of chartering new chapters to sororities within the National Panhellenic Conference and to the normal college field as well. Clarification of fields of operation for the so-called "liberal arts sorority" and the "professional (education) sorority" had to be established and respected. Realizing the need for standardization of requirements for membership and the necessity for a code of ethics, officials of Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Sigma Alpha drew up for adoption on September 4, 1915, a Constitution and set of By-Laws for the Association of Pedagogical Sororities, a name soon changed to Association of Education Sororities. This Association provided a panhellenic organization for the normal college sororities similar to that of N.P.C. for liberal arts college sororities. Sigma Sigma Sigma then had ten chapters on the roll and its National President, Mabel Lee Walton, presided as the new Association's first Chairman.

A member of Tri Sigma in describing the status of the two organizations at that time wrote, "Should the Conference sororities grant charters to groups in the Pedagogical field, there could be but one result: "professional" sororities could no longer regard the liberal arts colleges as the peculiar and exclusive

property of the Conference Sorority. The Pedagogical Sorority of 1915 is not the same body that it was in 1905. A decade has made as much change in it as in any of the Conference groups. The Association Sorority of today is an endowed, well-managed organization full of dynamic possibilities. It could enter and hold its own in the 'cultural field,' and it would not hesitate to do so were it forced into such a course by being brought into competition with Conference sororities in its professional field. The Association Sorority, however, wishes to confine its activities to the teachers colleges, believing most earnestly that there is imperative need for Greek orders in that field and confident that within those confines lies a great destiny."

Thus bravely two of the "Farmville Four" sororities chose to carry out their mission in a special field. Little did they realize that time and events in the years ahead would combine liberal arts and teacher education colleges into one unified "cultural field," thus projecting the Conference and Association Sororities into competition with each other after all. Meanwhile many circumstances had to be resolved and the "great destiny" so earnestly believed in and pursued for the next decades had it own rewards.

The Association of Education Sororities was a remarkably well ordered, strong panhellenic organization from the first. Its initial documents adopted in 1915 give evidence of a sound concept of interfraternity purpose and function, serving the Association for many years with minimum changes except in name, itself significant of changing times and trends. The object of A.E.S. in 1915 was stated in Article II of its Constitution in these terms:

"The object of this Association shall be (1) to furnish a forum for the discussion of all matters of interest to the sorority world in general and to the Pedagogical Field in particular, (2) to establish standards of excellence along every line of sorority endeavor, as an organization, as a factor in school, as a force in the lives of graduate members, (3) to define a code of sorority ethics, (4) to serve as a court of final appeal in the case of local Panhellenic difficulties."

The A.E.S. Code of Ethics stated:

"The Association desires to go on record as believing that membership in the Association obligates every sorority on its roll and every initiate thereof:

1. To cooperate with school authorities.
2. To respect and obey the letter and the spirit of any agreement made by either the School or the Association.
3. To refrain from general discussion of sorority disagreements.
4. To refrain from speaking disparagingly of any sorority or non-sorority girl.
5. To so regulate personal conduct that it shall at all times conform in spirit and appearance with accepted standards of good breeding.
6. To conduct all rushing as inconspicuously as possible, and to make the

lines of demarcation between sorority and nonsorority girls as slight as possible.

7. To remember that of those to whom much is given much is required, that a sorority badge is not a mark of superiority, but a pledge to high endeavor."

This Association, coming into existence only thirteen years after N.P.C. was formed, established similar standards and aims for member groups but more effectively functioned as a governing body. It was designed to protect the interests of each member sorority, assure equal opportunity for all, and advance the social sorority ideal in the teacher education field.

An organizational meeting of A.P.S. was held in Cincinnati in 1916, followed by a second meeting in Chicago in 1917, where Ruth Callahan Hathaway, *Zeta,* of Σ Σ Σ, was made Chairman. At the third meeting in St. Louis in 1919 the word *Pedagogical* was changed to *Educational* only to be changed again in 1930 to *Education.* To the officers and their duties as defined by the first Constitution was added a Director of Local Panhellenics. Entrance fees and dues were levied. Further meetings were held biennially until dissolution in 1947. As other education sororities were founded, their petitions or affiliation were granted, until in 1931 the official membership roll of A.E.S. was Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Pi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Sigma Epsilon, Theta Sigma Upslion, Pi Delta Theta (later absorbed by Δ Σ E).

THE WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION—Sigma Sigma Sigma, a social sorority in a professional field became affiliated as a charter member with another pioneering fraternal body, the Women's Professional Panhellenic Association. This was organized in 1925, "To promote high educational standards in professional training, to foster an interfraternity spirit of co-operation and mutual service in the various professions and to develop opportunities for professional women." Tri Sigma could see value for its members in this panhellenic affiliation. The constitution further states, "membership in the W.P.P.A. shall be open to national fraternities whose membership is obtained from the ranks of those engaged in professional work or pursuing courses fitting them for a profession in colleges or universities of A rank. To entitle a fraternity to membership it must have at least five chapters in schools that have been in existence five years, have a central governing body, hold conventions, and issue a publication."

The member fraternities in 1940 numbered fourteen and included education, law, music, pharmacy, speech arts, commerce, physical education, home economics. This Association has become a real power in the fraternity world, and is now one of the four groups making up the Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council.

High on the list of those who strengthened W.P.P.A. development are Σ Σ Σ's Mabel Lee Walton, who held the presidency from May 1931 to

March 1935; Mabel West Leonard, Edna Conway Schmidt, Lucille Amesse Morrison, Mary Hastings Holloway Page, who later served on committees; Mildred Sandison Fenner whose article for *Career,* the Association's journal, received very favorable comment from A. Randle Elliot, Chief of Counsel Guidance Centers; Pauline Camper, faculty member and adviser of Alpha Chapter, Associate Professor of Education at Longwood College, National

. . . but friendships continued . . .

Reunion of past presidents of the Professional Panhellenic Association at its silver anniversary banquet, at Williamsburg in 1951—Mrs. Herbert Stevenson, Φ B, *Miss Mabel Lee Walton,* Σ Σ Σ, *Mrs. W. V. Whittington,* Φ Δ Δ, *and Mrs. C. M. Sale,* Σ A I.

Historian for Sigma Sigma Sigma, who for seven years represented Tri Sigma at W.P.P.A. conventions. At the 1939 convention in Washington, D.C., Miss Camper read a paper "Sororities in the Teachers Colleges," which was highly praised by both W.P.P.A. and A.E.S. Margaret Batten Randle, Sigma Sigma Sigma Founder, was a guest speaker at one of the New York conventions.

When in 1944 W.P.P.A.'s name was changed to Professional Panhellenic Association and a new definition of a professional sorority was formulated

which did not apply to Sigma Sigma Sigma as a basically social sorority, this mutually pleasant affiliation ended officially. Tri Sigma withdrew from P.P.A. but friendships continued.

AFFILIATED PANHELLENIC COUNCIL—To show that the fraternity women of America were seeking broad friendly cooperation with other orders of Greekdom, this history records the forming of another organization in which the three panhellenic associations attempted a forward march together for the purpose of mutual growth and enriched understanding of each other's purposes.

The plan for an Affiliated Panhellenic Council was first proposed in the 30's by Mrs. Joseph B. Grigsby of Tri Delta, who decribed it as "a cooperative nongoverning affiliation of all women's fraternal organizations."

Impetus was given to the idea from an article in the 1940 April issue of *Banta's Greek Exchange* entitled "The Spirit of Fraternity," with the subtitle, "Development of the Federation Idea among Women's Fraternities" written by Mabel Lee Walton of the Association of Education Sororities. This had been requested by Mr. George Banta. It gives details leading up to the organization of the Affiliated Panhellenic Council, which was perfected at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City, in November 1941.

Assembled were representatives of N.P.C., W.P.P.A., and A.E.S., with Mrs. Irving Brown, Chairman of N.P.C.'s Eligibility and Nationalization of Social Groups, presiding. Three A.E.S. officials were present as representatives: Mrs. Fred M. Sharp, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Mrs. C. P. Neidig, Pi Kappa Sigma, and Miss Mabel Lee Walton, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Chairman of A.E.S. Interfraternity Relations Committee, who was elected as the first chairman of the Council to serve from 1941-1943. Miss Gertrude Evans, W.P.P.A., was made secretary. Committee members to represent N.P.C. were Mrs. Irving Brown, Alpha Chi Omega, Miss Pearle Green, Kappa Alpha Theta, Mrs. E. Granville Crabtree, Kappa Kappa Gamma; for A.E.S. names as listed above; and for W.P.P.A., Miss Gertrude Evans, Sigma Alpha Iota, Miss Ruth F. Ensor, and Mrs. Ruth Hildebrand.

After 1947 there was no longer a real purpose for the Council and it dissolved.

Probably no sorority woman has had a broader vision and knowledge of the Greek World of America and related interests than Mabel Lee Walton of Σ Σ Σ. The pages of this history have testified to that. A gifted leader of the young, a trusted friend of all groups, she put the strength of her personality, character, and broad knowledge into fraternity affairs. Alert to trends, she not only was ready to lead but stood prepared to help others wherever and whenever needed. The record of her altruistic interfraternity activities in Σ Σ Σ, A.E.S., W.P.P.A., and A.P.C., is impressive. Miss Walton attended the organization meeting in 1945 of the Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council. Continuously her services were sought and history

records the times when her skill and diplomacy came to view in appearances before N.P.C. to safeguard A.E.S. interests.

N.P.C.-A.E.S. AGREEMENT—Only a few years after the 1911 decision, complications arose with N.P.C. groups relative to respective fields of operation. Although these disturbances were amicably settled, as the teachers colleges became increasingly attractive and well-known as institutions of higher learning, other encroachments constantly threatened. During the crisis period of the twenties the advice of Morgan Lauck Walton, Jr., brother of Miss Walton and legal counsel to A.E.S., was especially valuable. "The Gentleman's Agreement" adopted by N.P.C. in 1926 resulted. Even this could not give A.E.S. security, for shifting local policies on university campuses opened education departments to eligibility for the N.P.C. groups. Resulting unequal competition limited opportunities of A.E.S. chapters to add members, placed them at a disadvantage that weakened their standing, and ultimately forced withdrawal of most of these national charters.

By 1939 the problem of "field" had become acute, caused by the increasing pressures of growth and change in the majority of teachers colleges. The question "What is a teachers college?" was confusing the issue.

In this year both N.P.C. and A.E.S. met at the Greenbrier Hotel at White Sulphur Springs. There Miss Walton as Chairman of the Committee on Field presented to N.P.C. the problem of A.E.S. due to the merging of educational fields. In her position as Chairman, Miss Walton had prepared her report for this conference with scholarly attention to all facts, and in her logical presentation she stressed the necessity either for a merging of panhellenic organizations or a more binding pact which would secure the rights of the A.E.S. groups in the teachers college field without encroachment.

The result was an agreement unanimously accepted by both N.P.C. and A.E.S. with the provision that (1) N.P.C. promised not to enter fields already occupied by A.E.S. (2) that the field of A.E.S. be considered the institutions accredited by the American Association of Teachers' Colleges. This action firmly put into writing what had been known as "The Gentlemen's Agreement," made in 1926 between N.P.C. and A.E.S. and periodically reaffirmed.

However, the 1939 Agreement proved all too soon unworkable as teachers colleges were even more rapidly on the march of name changing and becoming very appealing campuses to N.P.C. extension ambitions. Many more students, both men and women, were enrolling in these state schools with their ever expanding curricula. Of these students many sought a general education along with certification entitling them to teach. The changing character of these colleges, Tri Sigma's chosen field, was something over which N.P.C. and A.E.S. had no control. The irrefutable fact of merged fields was proved in that of the sixty campuses on A.E.S. rolls, all but eight in 1947 met N.P.C.'s declared regional accrediting requirements.

With no longer a separation in educational fields, there was no further need or reasons for separate panhellenic associations. The mission for the Association of Education Sororities had been fulfilled. Inevitably a merger of these two organizations, whose purposes always paralleled each other had to take place.

N.P.C. AFFILIATES A.E.S.—Tri Sigma had come full circle after nearly four decades of dedicated, pioneering work in its special field. Now the second dramatic Σ Σ Σ decision to determine a future course was to occur at the Golden Jubilee Convention in Williamsburg, July, 1947, the magnetic details of which have already been chronicled in this volume. The mandate having been given by the Convention, what followed was of necessity a long and carefully planned program before the day of official affiliation with N.P.C. could be accomplished. As the officers whose province, therefore, it would be to complete negotiations, Mabel Lee Walton, A.E.S. Chairman of Interfraternity Relations, and Mary Hastings Page, the new President of Σ Σ Σ, were diligent in seeking for Tri Sigma and other A.E.S. member groups whatever would guarantee a stabilized and harmonious future for all.

An N.P.C.-A.E.S. planning conference was held in August. Sigma Sigma Sigma and other A.E.S. groups then framed their formal petitions for admission to N.P.C. to send its Committee on Eligibility and Nationalization by the stipulated date of September 15, 1947.

The last biennial meeting of the Association of Education Sororities was held the following November 11-12 in Colorado Springs, at the Antlers Hotel. Attending for Σ Σ Σ were Mabel Lee Walton, Chairman of A.E.S. Interfraternity Relations Committee; Mary Hastings Page, National President; Marie Dunham, Executive Secretary; Helen Cartwright, National Treasurer; and Margaret Dixon, Director of Public Information. N.P.C. was convened in the same city at the Broadmoor Hotel. On November 12, the second day of its meeting, N.P.C. concluded discussions on the petitioning groups and by unanimous vote admitted all Association of Education Sororities—then numbering six—to associate membership ("voice without vote" for the customary four-year period before full membership) with certain constitutional requirements due to the unusual category of national "education" sororities. (Five other petitioning sororities were also admitted at this time—Α Ε Φ, Δ Φ Ε, Φ Σ Σ, Σ Δ Τ, Θ Φ Α.)

The next day the A.E.S. Interfraternity Relations Committee conferred with N.P.C. representatives on terms of the merger of the two panhellenics. National Panhellenic Conference's requirements were then presented to A.E.S. in its historic final session. Miss Walton, a loyal and untiring member of the Field Committee through the years, asked her faithful co-worker Mrs. Fred M. Sharp, Alpha Sigma Alpha, to report the following conditions of associate membership specified by N.P.C.:

1. The requirements for membership as stated in N.P.C. By-Laws, Article

1, paragraph b., shall be met on or before June 1, 1948.

2. The associate membership shall be dated as of November 12, 1947.

3. Failure to meet these stipulated requirements shall cause automatic recission on June 1, 1948.

Mrs. Sharp said in conclusion:

Each of our six sororities is now a member of N.P.C. provided we have met the constitutional requirements by June 1, 1948. These pertain to dual membership and accreditation standards of colleges where we have chapters. Any sorority not wishing to meet these requirements automatically cancels its right of promised membership in N.P.C.

The matter of protecting our field in colleges where we already exist will be voted on today. It is likely that N.P.C. will decide not to enter colleges where we have chapters for a period of two years.

And now since there is no longer a purpose or a mission for the Association of Education Sororities, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Sigma Alpha, its founders, wish to withdraw from it. I, therefore, move that, when pending financial matters have been cleared, A.E.S. be dissolved as an organization.

Seconded by Σ Σ Σ, the motion was carried unanimously. The date was November 13, 1947. Thus ended thirty-two years of continuous operation of A.E.S. Those present and all those familiar with A.E.S. historic vicissitudes in its chosen field of service must have felt the force of destiny. Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Sigma Alpha once again had led the way in making interfraternity history.

Tri Sigma's affiliation with N.P.C., so resolutely undertaken in 1947 as the solution to insurmountable problems of field and fraternity prestige, soon justified the faith and hopes of those wholeheartedly supporting the Sorority through this transition period.

When the new affiliation was announced, many letters of congratulations and approval came from presidents and deans of women of the teachers colleges. From Farmville, where the founding college would soon be renamed Longwood College—a development so typical of the changes in higher education institutions since the turn of the century—Dr. Dabney S. Lancaster, the president, wrote: *I have your letter telling me about the merging of the Association of Education Sororities with the Panhellenic Conference. I am glad to know that this change has taken place, for it has never been clear to me in recent years why there should have been a distinction without any apparent difference.*

The Sorority's membership responded loyally and with enthusiasm, cooperating in every way to meet the June 1, 1948 deadline to clear the rolls of four ineligible chapters (all since reinstated after their colleges gained regional accrediting) and of dual members. The latter requirement was particularly arduous and involved a sad, personal relinquishment of membership

. . . At the 1949 Skytop biennial meeting. . . .

Marie S. Dunham, Executive Secretary, Mabel Lee Walton, Advisory Board and N.P.C. Alternate, Mary Hastings H. Page, N.P.C. Delegate and National President, "Kim" Rose, Editor of The Triangle.

in either Tri Sigma or another N.P.C. fraternity. Dual membership was an outgrowth, naturally enough, of earlier times when liberal arts chapters were turned over to N.P.C. fraternities in establishing separate fields of operation, and later when A.E.S. members often transferred to a university for another degree where the courtesy of an invitation to membership in an N.P.C. fraternity would be accepted. Those who chose to remain with Tri Sigma wrote heartwarming letters; those who had reasons, often family-related, for choosing otherwise regretfully resigned, but diminution to the total membership roll was not great.

The spirit of these times was to carry on, to meet the uncertainties and hazards of competition with outstanding performance that would show Tri Sigma's strength of national organization and interfraternity experience. Unexpected complications were met firmly and resourcefully. Prompt help and support were given by the Executive Committees during the two bienniums of associate membership. Great credit is due Miss L. Pearle Green, Kappa Alpha Theta, Chairman 1947-1949, and especially Mrs. E. Granville Crabtree, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chairman 1949-1951, for keen insight and unfailing dedication to panhellenic principles. Many other N.P.C. officers were cordial and cooperative. Mabel Lee Walton often remarked on the patience, harmony, and mutual understanding practiced by all who had part in the necessary adjustment of problems. College Panhellenics were easily amalgamated once procedure was provided during the 1949-1951 biennium; City Panhellenics began to recognize the eligibility of alumnæ and to welcome them into membership.

In 1951 at Williamsburg . . . Mabel Lee Walton . . . her work accomplished. . . .

Four years quickly passed. In the beautiful setting of historic Williamsburg, where N.P.C. was holding its 32d biennial meeting, Tri Sigma's opening to a larger field of service took place in the same room where in 1947 was held the celebration of its first fifty years of achievement. Now with full active membership in the National Panhellenic Conference, granted on November 25, 1951, to the eleven associate member sororities, Tri Sigma's present and future were secured, beyond any question, as an integral part of the recognized social fraternity system, whatever its destiny might be.

Evidence of respect and acceptance of Sigma Sigma Sigma on the part of National Panhellenic Conference was gratifying from the first. At the 1949 biennial Skytop meeting the Sorority's representative, Mrs. Robertson Page, was selected to work with the Chairman of the College Panhellenics Committee, Mrs. Harry H. Power, as the Vice-Chairman of College Panhellenics Sub-committee to assist the former A.E.S. local panhellenics. Her report to the 1951 meeting at Williamsburg pointed out progress made and the valuable knowledge of these colleges and their purposes A.E.S. had brought to N.P.C. Mrs. Page declared, ". . . Some of *our* campuses will always have their own pattern—just as a definite pattern will be found on some of *yours* —and our organizations, four of them established over fifty years, will always, we hope, proudly retain their own individuality of heritage and purpose, just as do yours. . . . We are quite conscious that full National Panhellenic Conference membership is not in itself a goal, only a means of uniting our efforts . . . we can learn a great deal from each other."

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE TODAY—It is well known that the National Panhellenic Conference carefully observes precedent and tradition in all its actions. Thus time-honored are the purpose, policies and procedures, the structure of N.P.C. itself as set forth in the *Manual of Information,* 1958 current edition, and quoted here as a matter of historical record:

"National Panhellenic Conference is an organization established 'To maintain on a high plane fraternity life and interfraternity relationships; to cooperate with college authorities in their effort to maintain high social and scholastic standards throughout the whole college, and to be a forum for the discussion of questions of interest to the college and fraternity world.

"Each member group is entitled to one official delegate and two alternate delegates at each meeting.

"National Panhellenic functions through its biennial conferences and ad interim administration by an executive committee of three—chairman, secretary, treasurer—assisted by a group of standing committees, each fraternity's delegate serving on at least one standing committee.

"Actual legislative powers of the Conference are limited to enactment of laws for its own government. It is empowered to make recommendations to member fraternities, such recommendations becoming law only after ratification by the member groups. Through such recommendations have come *The Panhellenic Creed, The Panhellenic Compact, The Standards of Ethical Conduct, The 1949 Agreement, The College Panhellenic Agreement, N.P.C. Declaration For Freedom.*

"National Panhellenic Conference has formulated policies on matters of interfraternity interest, which are designed to keep fraternity traditions and attitudes in harmony with modern thought and changing educational outlooks. Through discussion and panels at biennial meetings, it has contributed to the development of interfraternity understanding and friendship."

Interesting to note are these distinguishing facts that appear in the *Manual:*

"Fraternities were the first organized student groups. Panhellenic was the first inter-group organization on campuses, antedating Women's Student Government Association, International Association of Women Students, Athletic Association, and all the multitude of organizations now active on the college campus. As time passed, the universities and colleges looked with increasing favor on the fraternity program and adopted many of its activities for all students. Services today provided students by deans, personnel counselors, and health staffs are an outgrowth of the pioneering by women's fraternities. . . .

"Women's fraternities of the National Panhellenic Conference have distinguished themselves in their services to humanity. Each of the 31 fraternities has programs which are beneficial to persons other than fraternity members and range from aid to underprivileged and crippled children and adults, nursing service, rehabilitation, settlement schools, camps, seacoast missions, work

with Indians, sight conservation—to aid and scholarships to individual students. . . ."

To become a member of the National Panhellenic Conference, a fraternity must have been established in its national character for at least thirteen years; must have all of its chapters established in senior colleges and universities, which are authorized to confer a bachelor's degree and are given satisfactory rating by the pertinent recognized regional associations of colleges and secondary schools; must have a minimum of fourteen chapters and the fourteenth chapter must be at least two years old. The *Manual* states further: "The member fraternities of National Panhellenic Conference, are each autonomous as a general, social, collegiate Greek-letter society. Some of these are known as women's fraternities and some as sororities.

"Each of the National Panhellenic Conference fraternities is founded on ideals which dedicate its members to service and to honor and uprightness in all human relationships. Each fraternity was founded because it was felt that deep friendship and high endeavor could be more effectively fostered within its bond of ritual."

Currently twenty-eight fraternities hold membership in the National Panhellenic Conference, listed here in originally agreed upon order of rotation on the basis of dates of founding and of entrance into the National Panhellenic Conference with full membership status:

Pi Beta Phi	1902	Alpha Delta Pi	1909
Kappa Alpha Theta	1902	Delta Zeta	1910
Kappa Kappa Gamma	1902	Phi Mu	1911
Alpha Phi	1902	Kappa Delta	1912
Delta Gamma	1902	Beta Sigma Omicron	1933
Gamma Phi Beta	1902	Sigma Sigma Sigma	1951
Alpha Chi Omega	1903	Alpha Sigma Tau	1951
Delta Delta Delta	1902	Alpha Sigma Alpha	1951
Alpha Xi Delta	1904	Alpha Epsilon Phi	1951
Chi Omega	1903	Theta Phi Alpha	1951
Sigma Kappa	1905	Phi Sigma Sigma	1951
Alpha Omicron Pi	1905	Delta Phi Epsilon	1951
Zeta Tau Alpha	1909	Sigma Delta Tau	1951
Alpha Gamma Delta	1909	Iota Alpha Pi	1957

Other names which have appeared at times on the roster as active or associate members have now disappeared by the merger of their organizations with other N.P.C. groups. Thirty-two fraternities made up the roll when Σ Σ Σ affiliated with the National Panhellenic Conference—now only twenty-eight remain at a time when *more* national women's fraternities are needed to offer membership to the increasing "tidal wave of students." Regrettably it is noted that three of the former Association of Education Sororities gave up their identity and were absorbed as follows: Δ Σ E by Δ Z in 1956; Π K Σ

by Σ K in 1958; Θ Σ Y by A Γ Δ in 1958. Then in 1962 Δ Z also absorbed Θ Y.

Respecting and understanding N.P.C.'s traditional methods of operation, Sigma Sigma Sigma has fitted into its program naturally and easily. Unusual recognition in all areas of the National Panhellenic Conference in turn have been given Tri Sigma's leadership experience, its often complimented strength of national organization and interfraternity background.

At the 1951 meeting of the Conference at Williamsburg three officers were chosen to contribute their time and talents for the ensuing biennium of 1951-1953: Mrs. Robertson Page, the official delegate was appointed a member of the important College Panhellenics Committee as area adviser for 34 Panhellenics in the northeast region; Mrs. W. Melton Dunham, Executive Secretary, was elected Vice-President of the Central Office Executive Association; and Mrs. Elwood L. Rose, Editor-in-Chief of *The Triangle*, was chosen to serve the N.P.C. Editors Association as Secretary-Treasurer. The Managing Editor of *The Triangle*, Mrs. G. L. Burr, Jr., succeeded Mrs. Rose and was elected Chairman of the N.P.C. Editors Association in 1953. She presided over the 1955 Editors sessions with great warmth and dignity, charming the largest assembly of Editors in the history of N.P.C. and presenting an effective program.

. . . Chairman of the Committee on Education . . .
Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Page

After the 1951 N.P.C. meeting, her work accomplished, Mabel Lee Walton asked to be relieved as official alternate delegate, and Mrs. Dunham replaced her. Since 1956 when Mrs. Page retired as National President and the offices were separated, she has continued as National Panhellenic Delegate for Tri Sigma and Mrs. Curtis C. Dixon, National President, has acted as alternate delegate. The N.P.C. Delegate has been a member of the College Panhellenics Committee continuously except for the 1955-1957 and 1957-1959 bienniums when Mrs. Page served as Chairman of the Committee on Education and a member of the Citizenship Committee. She was asked to prepare the official account of the Golden Anniversary N.P.C. Conference of 1953 at Pasadena for the N.P.C. Editors and the *Banta's Greek Exchange*. At the 1957 meeting Mrs. Page was also appointed to the Survey and Projects Committee and as a member of the *Manual* Editing Subcommittee was given the responsibility of preparing the 1958 revised edition of the N.P.C. *Manual of Information*. She has also worked on other booklets and material for N.P.C. publication.

In 1953 when Sigma Sigma Sigma was well launched as a participating member of the National Panhellenic Conference, its delegate had this to say in her report to the Convention at Spring Lake:

"Tri Sigmas can well be proud of their responsibilities as a part of a National Panhellenic Conference. The influence of N.P.C. is felt in all phases of American life—it participates in the Women's Advisory Council of the Department of Defense; an observer is seated at the United Nations; it sends representatives to the All American Conference to Combat Communism and to national planning conferences, such as the Attorney General's Citizenship Conference; Civil Defense asked for cooperation in the nation-wide program of recruitment. In many ways N.P.C. contributes to the preservation of the American way of life by training the college girl to develop, not only academically, but socially, in order to be prepared for future and better leadership in community and world affairs."

Today within the National Panhellenic Conference the position of Σ Σ Σ has steadily grown more secure. Growth and development were demonstrated even during the transition period, and with that safely in the past, now the way seems clear for ever wider, finer service as a national sorority. This generation of collegiates—even of national officers for that matter—know little of the long struggle over the confused and confusing field difficulties that women's fraternities on both sides of the question honorably dealt with for so many long years. Alumnæ now established in City Panhellenic relationships, holding offices and serving on committees, have almost forgotten as well. This is all a legend now.

Yet new problems have replaced the old. Storm clouds of a very different kind began to gather shortly after the second World War. New organizations,

politically inclined, and new influences appeared on the campus. The tenure of anti-fraternity spirit is long and of many years' standing. Almost from the beginning of national fraternities with their spontaneous, even robust extension there have been critics and opponents. Yet fraternities, and sororities, too, as higher education for women developed over the past century in America, have grown and prospered in spite of inimical attitudes—or perhaps because of meeting their challenge! While criticism of fraternities is not new, perhaps it has been taken over by a new enemy.

There are new and different questions brought about by changes in economics, education, and social attitudes. While the steadily increasing volume of student enrollment in colleges and universities offers great opportunities for development of all fraternities, other trends in academic life are creating and magnifying for fraternities many problems which in the past have not existed or were minor in degree. One of the most serious problems now facing fraternities continues to be the issue affecting free selection of membership, autonomy of national organization, and loyalty of the units creating it.

Initial action was taken by the National Panhellenic Conference in 1949 to combat the invasion of privacy trend. An Agreement was signed that questionnaires and requests for Constitutions would not be answered unless their validity had been established. Since then the Statement of Rights and the Declaration for Freedom followed in 1957. In 1962 N.P.C. adopted the policy of accepting responsibility for further educational effort among its members to preserve their heritage of principles against ephemeral sociological and psychological theories calculated to distort the Constitution of the United States and destroy basic freedoms of citizens. Related to these official actions has been N.P.C.'s awareness of the larger issues involved.

The annual joint meeting of the National Conference on College Fraternities and Societies and the Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council in May 1956 summarized its considerations as follows: ". . . it was an exceedingly sober, serious, thoughtful, and thought provoking meeting. . . . There was complete recognition of the fact that there are forces at work which would destroy fraternities. This group of representatives of seven Associations and Conferences worked on ways and means to preserve, we hope, one of the basic fundamentals of American life: the right to choose one's own companions and associates, under undictated circumstances, and with the objective of the attainment of good works in the process of education."

In facing the problems of outside interference, officers have generally agreed that if fraternities are to function as advocates of democratic government and continue to represent American freedom in action, they must be free to select their members in accordance with whatever time-honored principle of unity in essentials the national organization is founded upon. The fortunes of the country and of fraternities, founded in 1776 about the same time, continue to be bound up together.

. . . At Boca Raton, the 1959 N.P.C. meeting. . . . Mary Hastings Holloway Page, N.P.C. Delegate; Margaret Freeman Dixon, National President; and Marie Santee Dunham, Executive Secretary.

While the 1959 biennial meeting of the N.P.C. at Boca Raton, Florida, and the 1961 meeting at Chandler, Arizona, both evidenced new highs in friendliness and cooperative intentions, with policies adopted that are sound and far-reaching in scope, these must be effectively implemented by the committees of N.P.C. Special efforts are required to cope with critical periods. N.P.C. has great leadership potential and a wider purpose to fulfill if each member fraternity will foster its strength and cooperate in meeting current and other problems which the future may bring. Inevitably fraternity fortunes are tied up together. N.P.C. has zealously safeguarded the individuality and independence of each member fraternity and should continue to do so. Yet mutual problems call for coordinated as well as separate action.

Despite the controversy over continued existence of fraternities in their known character, this could be a period of prosperity if pressures and interference with membership policies at many colleges and universities did not cast such long, disturbing shadows. Phenomenal growth was again reported at the 1961 N.P.C. meeting with 56 new chapters established on 48 campuses and ten new campuses opened. Both Deans and students seek more chapters on campuses where enrollments are burgeoning.

Yet the outlook for fraternities has grown more crucial each year. In her report to Tri Sigma's 1962 Convention, the N.P.C. Delegate stated: "In the long, slow sweep of history the past triennium might be called a turning point in interfraternity affairs. Inasmuch as Tri Σ's future inevitably is related to that of the National Panhellenic Conference, the flow of events has

been analyzed with great interest and concern. The portent of many developments can be considered encouraging. Others can only be recognized as increasingly ominous. Time and events will reveal the turn as downward or upward. Meanwhile fraternities can only wait, and hope, and *work* to achieve more fully the purposes for which they were founded so many years ago. . . ."

As the strange trends and developments threatening the welfare and existence of chapters and national fraternities have spread across the country, the rationale and ultimate aims of those presuming to interfere with and encroach upon the private affairs of American College Fraternities have been carefully analysed. Obvious correlation with worldwide events, the sociological and political import, the conflict in ideologies are inescapable. Inability or failure to recognize the rights of fraternities as voluntary associations clearly reflects the problems and dangers of the times. In a world where the great question of the ages is being determined as to whether mankind will be controlled or free, preservation of freedom in every sense is the great and vital concern. Fraternities fully share in this concern.

Concluding her report, Mrs. Page told the Tri Sigmas: *Here then is a destiny for fraternities! Having known the tests of time, having stood firm through trial and tribulation, believing in our country's heritage of principles, fraternity men and women can take a leading part in the great onward movement to reinvigorate our nation and build freedom throughout the world.*

With such a goal the fraternity must endure, must uphold its founding principles, no matter how dark and unpromising the outlook may be at times when assorted forces seem to be closing the ring on the future of fraternities. . . . Imperfect as they are, each national fraternity and its chapters are an expression of the human spirit. This gives power beyond measure! With courage and determination, with buoyant faith, with an outlook of hope and confidence, fraternities will not only survive but will carry on their noble traditions, foster worthy ideals of benefit beyond themselves to strengthen the nation's spirit as well. . . .

The fast changing world, so often mentioned in this new "Space Age," revolves tomorrow as yesterday around fundamental, unchanging values. . . . The significance of our purpose to become better than we are, to contribute service to the world, to exercise sound citizenship requires that Sigma Sigma Sigma go onward unchanged in character or basic structure.

We face the future unafraid. . . .

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Publications

Life is developing the energies of thought,
While thought is working out the richness
That lies hid in life.

—PHILLIPS BROOKS

THE FAR-REACHING influence of the printed page cannot be measured. In America that is an accepted fact. The publications of the Sorority have been many and varied, with a significance that may be more far-reaching than would be apparent even in their titles and history. At times the members of Tri Sigma may not have given evidence of having been affected by their readings of these published works and may have maintained only silence to polite requests of their editors and reporters. Nevertheless, deep down in their hearts they must have felt increasing pride and respect for the persistent efforts of those editors and business managers who have built the Sorority's official organ, *The Triangle,* especially. That this magazine unchanged in name has been published and distributed, come weal or woe, each year since 1905 is accounted a tribute to the undaunted determination of the editors, their assistants, and their loyal supporters. To them the membership owes a debt of gratitude. They have made the publication an inestimable unit of influence and information, not only to the Sorority, but to others of the Greek World. Indeed, it has been a beacon light to many Sigmas after graduation, since through the pages of *The Triangle* they have received the latest news of national policies of the Sorority, campus activities of their chapters, and family happenings of their classmates. It is affirmed that a sorority magazine, its chief publication, is a great unifying and integrating force.

The Triangle of Sigma Sigma Sigma

Whoever has looked in *The Triangle* issues of the 1950's has found there writings designed for gracious Tri Sigma living. The Editor provided information relative to the rich and varied services of the Sorority. The Directory by this time required six pages of *The Triangle* and included names and addresses of all living Founders, Executive Council and Advisory Board, Directors and Assistants, Executive Office and Treasury Department, *The Triangle* staff, Corresponding Secretaries of College Chapters, Faculty Sponsors, N.P.C. officers, Alumnæ Chapter Presidents and date of meetings. As of June, 1953,

the roster numbered a total of 67 college chapters chartered and the alumnæ chapters, 109 in 27 states, California leading with eleven. . . .

. . . reflected Sigma Spirit . . .
Myrtle Marshall Holmes

MYRTLE MARSHALL HOLMES continued as the Director of Publications and nominal Editor of *The Triangle* following the 1953 Convention, with special assistants on her staff, until 1955 when she answered the call to become the Sorority's National Parliamentarian. "Myrt's" versatility and willingness always to serve where Tri Sigma most needs her are characteristic of the talents and loyalty she gives.

The editor's chair was held by several different persons in rather rapid succession during the mid-Fifties. Because of their capabilities and past experience in the Sorority this turnover resulting from totally unexpected personal circumstances did not adversely affect the quality of the issues or their publication dates. "Come sun or come rain" *The Triangle* would always be published. So naturally a part of every Tri Sigma is this dear magazine that it is a common enterprise at all times, with much fond pride taken in its appearance and its message.

Typical of joint endeavors in *The Triangle's* behalf in this transitional period was the outstanding Golden Anniversary issue, Spring 1955, commemorating *fifty continuous years of publication* of the Sorority's magazine. Beneath white covers imprinted in gold that featured the original 1905 design, with pages printed in purple ink, the story of *The Triangle's* past unfolded. Dedicated to Lucy T. C. Stubbs, the first Editor-in-Chief, and quoting her "Salutatory," this beautiful issue also quoted other excerpts from pages of *The Triangle* through the years. An editorial note states that these "reveal Sigma Sigma Sigma's serious purpose, scope of national organization, Panhellenic consciousness, and high aims for its membership from earliest days. They are just as apropos today in their classic quality as they were timely decades ago."

The Golden Anniversary issue presented each of the Editors, quoting her impressions of the years and events of her editorship. A variety of current activities are also reported in this issue covering national inspections, 1956 Convention site, College Panhellenics, the History Editing Conference, citizenship, Council planning meeting, efficiency cup winner, social service, and alumnæ honors. On the editorial page Myrtle Holmes has this to say: ". . . the editor *pro tem* wishes to thank the regular members of the staff, the national Historian, the present Executive Council and the past editors and officers who have contributed to this issue. May the next fifty years be as 'golden'

and happy in all ways as have those we have reviewed for you in these pages."

JOSEPHINE GANSON BURR, *Kappa,* functioning as Managing Editor of *The Triangle* since 1953, took over as Editor-in-Chief during the fall of 1955. The Collegiate and Alumnæ Editors remained the same except for a change in title to that of Assistant Editors. Jo Burr was qualified for her new work with years of experience behind her as a Tri Sigma national officer as well as in the field of journalism. Elected by the 1956 Convention to continue in the editor's chair, Jo proceeded with plans to enlarge the format of the magazine and change its cover. Then production of the Convention issue was interrupted by the untimely death of her husband, George L. Burr, Jr., a friend well known to Tri Sigmas as head of the "House of Burr." Jo carried on as Editor of *The Triangle* for a year with difficulty. Editing the weekly "The Winter Haven Herald" and managing its commercial print shop required her full attention now. During the autumn of 1957 she resigned.

. . . enlarged the format . . .
Josephine Ganson Burr

MARY EILEEN MALONEY DOBSON then picked up the Edtior's reins for the second time, writing in a tribute to her predecessor: "Whatever the secret that makes Jo Burr the remarkable person she is, we are grateful in Tri Sigma that she found Sorority a cause to champion and to work for long and faithfully. And so, dear Jo, here is your bouquet of violets—and no one deserves them more!" Suddenly a few months and one thick issue later Mary Eileen and her engineer husband Dick were on their way to the Far East and the oil fields of Suma-

. . . Working with her successor. . . .

tra. Working with her successor during the Council conference that April on the partially assembled Spring 1958 special issue of *The Triangle,* dedicated to the Sixtieth Anniversary of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Mary Eileen passed editorial duties on to another with her good wishes.

NORMA BEUTER LARSON, *Beta Alpha,* in this game of editor's chairs, shifted with ease from the position of Alumnæ Editor to wider responsibilities. Actively engaged in work for Tri Sigma from the very moment of her initiation she had already passed various performance tests with flying colors. During Norma's service as a Chapter Alumnæ Chairman, the National CAC Chairman soon sent up a purple flag to watch out for this promising alumna. A few years later Norma had won *The Triangle's* CAC award at the 1956 Convention for outstanding work and soon was asked to join the staff.

. . . continues in the tradition . . .
Norma Beuter Larson

Blessed with a crisp, clever style and an excellent sense of organization as well, Norma has efficiently edited each issue from the first, when she produced the Sorority's Sixtieth Anniversary issue. As Editor from that springtime of 1958 her enthusiastic interest in everything about Sigma Sigma Sigma and her capable approach have steadily developed a series of magazines that reflect the national program, development of the permanent regional system, expansion, and other achievements of a vital, growing Sorority. Ably assisted by Nora Langreder Meyer, *Alpha Nu,* as Collegiate Editor and Phyllis Seidler McIntyre, *Beta Zeta,* Alumnæ Editor, the Editor-in-Chief's dynamic, attractive issues of the Sixties are especially outstanding for both quality and quantity of illustrations.

Modern in content and appearance, yet consistent with its stately heritage of decorum and good taste, *The Triangle* goes onward. Thus in an unbroken succession of inspired Editors, Norma Larson continues in the tradition of Lucy Stubbs "to keep alive and to strengthen interest in fraternity life . . ." and of Eddie Schmidt that "*The Triangle* must be the voice of the whole sorority."

The Angle, Convention Daily

Whatever the circumstances of *Angle* production, other editors have found it a time-consuming, exciting, and challenging process, even as it has been delightful fun for those responsible at subsequent conventions. . . . Margaret Reed Schwein in 1956, Phyllis Seidler McIntyre in 1959, and Virginia Warzeniak Winter, in 1962.

Although the value of *The Angle* for busy Conventioneers has often been weighed, sentiment wins out each time for continuing its presentation of officer and delegate vignettes, its informal, newsy reporting of on-the-spot gay happenings that are fun to read about at the time and later to recall. *The Angle* reflects highlights, sidelights of both business and social events at Convention. What would a Convention be like without *The Angle?*

The Songbook and *Songs Sigmas Sing*

The 1959 Convention dedicated the newly revised *Songs Sigmas Sing* to Edna von Berge, *Kappa* (and *Omega,* 1959), who served as Songbook Chairman for twenty years, and awarded a citation of merit with affection and gratitude.

Her successors have been Katherine Norvell Montel, *Sigma,* Mary Lew Fath Hamm, *Alpha Lambda,* Margaret Moore, *Alpha Upsilon,* Marilynn Schmitt Kinsella, *Alpha Xi,* Olivia McGough Williams, *Alpha Sigma,* Virginia Russell Emrich, *Pi,* and Millicent King Emerson, *Alpha Chi.* The 1959 edition of *Songs Sigmas Sing,* prepared by Virginia Emrich, has been given lovely new design and line drawings by Rachel Gabel Kyle, *Beta Alpha.*

Dear Pledge of Sigma Sigma Sigma

Since the appearance of *Dear Pledge* in 1942, it has been brought up to date by other national officers: Margaret Freeman Dixon, *Sigma,* 1948, 1950; Myrtle Marshall Holmes, *Alpha Iota,* and Julia Ann Atkins Consalus, *Nu,* 1953; Marilynn Schmitt Kinsella, *Alpha Xi,* 1956, with Norma Beuter Larson, *Beta Alpha,* in 1959; Mildred Morgan Morrison, *Alpha Nu,* in 1962. This shows the new pledge that like the Athenian youths of old

who took an oath to leave their country greater than they found it, Tri Sigma members pledge contributions to their Sorority according to their talents. It shows her, too, that not only has growth of Tri Sigma taken place but that growth has been recorded. She can read the full chapter roll, which she will soon learn, the list of N.P.C. member fraternities, history and government of her fututre Sorority, the Parliamentary guide, how to study, how to keep healthy, how to maintain campus and chapter standards, and much other information, all of which she should be familiar with when she takes her pledge examination, a few weeks hence.

"Dear Pledge" may well ponder, and pleasantly so, the many opportunities on the pathway before her. The prospects for *sisterhood* are bright if pledgehood is undertaken in the right spirit and carried through as a member with faith, hope, and love. She finds inspiration in the dedication of *Dear Pledge:*

To You

Who came to our gate
Seeking friendship
Please come in.
May you find here
Wings for your thoughts,
Stars for your intentions,
And guidance through love
Of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

The History, *The Years Remembered of Sigma Sigma Sigma, The First Fifty-five Years, 1898-1953*

From earliest times Tri Sigmas have been conscious of the value of history. In 1910 "The Triangle" carried articles describing hopes for a comprehensive printed History to be arranged at the next Convention. There, however, other matters of momentous effect upon the future course of the Sorority took precedence. Since then hopes for a History have been long deferred as the decades passed with many activities, changes, growth, problems of finances and others, shifting field of operation, all demanding attention as related to the progress of Sigma Sigma Sigma. A printed History was never forgotten, however.

After the 50th Anniversary of the Sorority in 1948 and with transition to the National Panhellenic Conference field successfully carried out, plans crystallized for the publication of our History covering the first 55 years—from the founding through the 1953 Convention, from earliest organization through all the vicissitudes of field difficulties to the present seemingly stabilized period of Sorority history. . . . A reflection of this growth is to be found in our long-anticipated History, its publication now an established fact.

. . . plans crystallized. . . .
At Editing Conference Business Manager Virginia McCrush and Historian Susanne Stinson receive first checks for personal copies of "The Years Remembered. . . ." from national officers Marie Dunham, Mary Hastings Page, and Helen Cartwright.

Plans are complete for distribution of the volumes at this 1956 Convention.

With great appreciation we point out that "The Years Remembered of Sigma Sigma Sigma, The First Fifty-five Years, 1898-1953," represents the dedicated labors of many people over a long period of time. This 544 page volume's historical accuracy, its typographical layout, and its permanence as a record of sorority accomplishments through the years well justifies the labors of all who participated in its preparation.

Our History recreates in warm, human terms for generations yet to come the saga of the past that is so important to all of us as we work in the present and look to the future for the Sorority so dear to our hearts.

In these words the National President summed up the publication of the first volume of the printed History in her triennial report to the 1956 Convention. On that occasion the National Historian, Susanne Stinson, *Omicron*, spoke before the "unveiling" and distribution of the "Book of Sigma" in her own inimitable style:

"In this setting of majestic mountains, I have drawn inspiration and I have likened our history to a piece of music. As writers of music know, every musical composition is built on themes which are repeated for the sake of

unity and are contrasted with other themes for *variety*. Well proportioned unity and variety constitute good form in all art.

"A good book must present to the reader a plan. We affirm that our plan of Sigma Sigma Sigma's History is plain. This refers to the reading of the book—not that the Historian is telling you how to read—but, let us say, one may read it many different ways: first it could be read according to Chronos, the Greek God of Time, and that might be best for the first few chapters where is spread the canvas for the creation of the music and drama which unfolds. After this one may continue reading in one of many ways—as, for instance, reading it pictorially from beginning to end. Or why not at times open the book at random to the middle, taking the chapter on which the eye falls? You will like the chapter titles—Pauline's idea—each with something that is very intimate and appealing; or—Chinese fashion—read back to front. Even the index is thought-provoking to a Tri Sigma!

"In this book, we the writers have given you fact and fancy—we hope in quantity and quality to satisfy the most demanding Sigma reader. Here are stories by women about women—all types from the most realistic to the most idealistic—all *creative!* It is by their works 'ye shall known them.'

"These pages deal with causes and effect, with development of ideas and the growth of institutions. The first emergence of a tradition is here and its enrichment revealed. All these have been the concern of our Tri Sigma Historians and I put this word in the plural for I insist it is not 'I' but 'We' who have written it.

"Then, too, there are men of prominence whose names are written in these lines—Here we pause with deep reverence and affection to honor the memory of Dr. James Miller Leake, Kappa Sigma, our mentor of the earliest days—

. . . a comprehensive printed History . . .
Historian and National President review manuscript

the days of Natalie Lancaster, Rhea Clark Scott and Mary Lou Campbell—who wore the badge of Sigma Sigma Sigma and who so often greeted us at Conventions either by his presence or words of cheering omens, and who now has gone to Omega chapter and eternal rest. On June 28 he was buried in Gainesville, Florida but his presence is with us still!

"Other men there are in and between the lines—Nellie Smithey's brother, Marvin, the lawyer; Mabel Lee's father, the lawyer and judge; her brother, the lawyer. Then there are all the husbands and sweethearts of Sigma girls, who have played and are still playing their parts in this drama.

"And because one of Tri Sigma's slogans is *Sigma Serves Children* there are hundreds of them as a part of this musical composition: Cradle Beach Mission, John Randolph School, Virginia Mountain children and those of Europe, South America. And then there is *Robbie* who was born a Sigma and whose memory will never die.

"I am thinking this history provides a third dimension to certain phases of our Sigma life—particularly do I refer to group gatherings of our membership when debating, singing, dancing and those varied forms of drama intersperse the work of day and night.

"I want to say finally that the mechanics of the book are as nearly perfect as it is possible to make them. It is a work of art from cover to cover.

"The History has been dedicated to—*you will soon see*—and she in turn has rededicated it to all of us who are trying to live the motto 'Faithful Unto Death.'

"You—the Readers—stand in the wings waiting to hold it, to read it, to sing it—this long awaited moment—and here it is—Our Book of History—

"*The Years Remembered of Sigma Sigma Sigma*—Volume One, 1898-1953."

Behind this dramatic moment of shared achievement lay all the years of effort to publish the Sorority's History, with five years of thoughtful planning and painstaking preparation going into its actual production. The creation of the book was a saga in itself. Its reality at last meant a dream come true for so many, especially Mabel Lee Walton. Responding to her special appeal, Suzanne Stinson had set herself to complete this task. She began in 1951, when she went to Salem, Virginia, to assist the Historian, Pauline Camper, *Alpha*, in classifying historical

. . . conferences with Mabel Lee Walton . . .

records and then again working there in the autumn of 1952.

After Pauline Camper's death, Susanne Stinson accepted the Historian's chair until the book would be published. There were many conferences with Mabel Lee Walton, National President from 1913-1947, and others. At Sigma Cottage in the winter of 1955 the writing was completed. A special History Editing Committee, set up to assist the Historian, assembled there for a conference where the manuscript was reviewed and plans finalized for the financing and schedule of publication to produce the volume for the 1956 Convention as promised the membership. Susanne Stinson tells simply the story of all this in her Foreword.

The 1956 Convention took action to provide each new initiate with her own copy of the History. The first edition was planned for distribution through the next two trienniums. A larger printing in 1962 of an updated second edition was carried out, anticipating needs for the future.

Basing her labors on the work of her predecessors and respecting their concepts, Miss Stinson wrote *The Years Remembered . . . 1898-1953* with sensitivity and devoted attention to accurate detail. The finished work speaks for itself and for a dedicated Σ Σ Σ Historian who gave the Sorority a publication of which all can be proud. Upon reading the book one is glad again for the privilege of belonging to Tri Sigma, of sharing friendship with great hearts "faithful unto death."

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

Social Service

Wherever your lives may be cast, make the world a bit more beautiful and better because you have lived in it.
—EDWARD W. BOK

The Robbie Fund

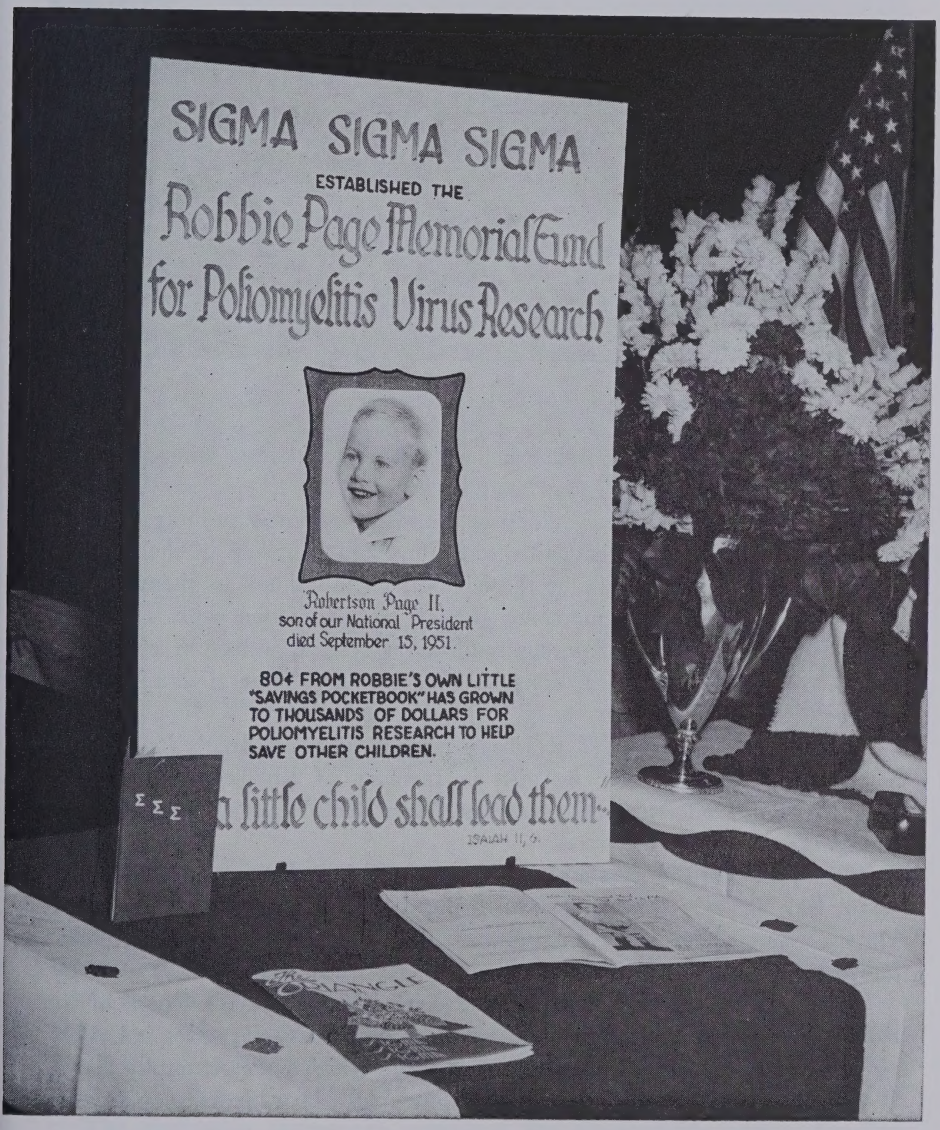
For years the general major theme of the Sorority's social service program had been service to children. Then Providence offered the Sorority an undertaking of much larger purpose than former collections for underprivileged children. At last efforts would be concentrated, no longer scattered in diverse directions and the results would be amazing. The Robbie Page Memorial Fund for Polio Research was adopted by Tri Sigmas following the tragic death from polio on September 15, 1951 of Robbie Page, five and one-half year old son of Mary Hastings Halloway Page, National President of the Sorority. The project would take dollars instead of pennies, but it would answer the long quest and often considered problem of what social service work Tri Sigmas could do of long range value. *Because of Robbie* a more important and lasting contribution could be made to children everywhere. Thus Tri Sigma's current service work has become more than Tri Sigma's own; it is everyone's.

Starting with eighty cents from Robbie's own "Savings Pocket Book," the Robbie Page Memorial Fund passed the $1,000 mark before Christmas of 1951; in the first two years of the Robbie Fund over $12,000 had been raised, much of it by Tri Sigmas, who rallied to support this cause with enthusiasm. Disbursements were allocated judiciously by the Robbie Page Memorial Fund Board of seven members in order not to duplicate existing research. Projects were supported which showed the best chance of contributing to the store of knowledge concerning polio.

By 1954 grants amounting to $18,100 had been made from the Robbie Page Memorial to polio research projects, including the Salk vaccine trials. With the success of this vaccine in 1955, the Robbie Memorial was preparing to enter another stage of service for children, a program to provide improved hospital facilities for their care and rehabilitation. Following a survey of hospitals recommended by alumnæ and college chapters throughout the country, the pediatric floor of the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill was chosen unanimously by the Sorority's 1956 Convention to

receive support in a pioneering rehabilitation program of play therapy. This project at the University of North Carolina offered an unusual opportunity for far-reaching service.

Heart of the project at North Carolina Memorial Hospital and symbol of all Tri Sigma philanthropic endeavors is The Children's Room, dedicated in simple and impressive ceremonies on March 14, 1959. The large sunny play-



. . . an opportunity for personal giving to help others . . .
This fraternity education exhibit states the Robbie Fund's original purpose, prior to 1955

. . . The large, sunny playroom . . .

room provides not only expanded facilities but also a location where the latest techniques in "play therapy" may be utilized.

The air-conditioned new addition to the seventh floor is an integrated area which contributes substantially to the comfort and happiness of the children. Other facilities made possible by the Memorial (in addition to giving the primary grant required for matching funds) in conjunction with The Children's Room include an intercommunication system, a lecture conference room, an observation room, consulting rooms, and general administrative quarters.

A beautiful oil portrait of Robbie is part of The Children's Room. The portrait was made possible by gifts in memory of Robbie's grandmother, Emily Walton Holloway, and great aunt, Mary Beall Walton, both of *Gamma* and *Omega*, 1957.

The dedication itself was a high moment in Tri Sigma history. The Spring, 1959, issue of *The Triangle* features the details in an account entitled "A Dream Comes True . . ." In summarizing the event for this issue Robbie's father wrote:

YOU HAD TO BE THERE to appreciate it—The Children's Room of the Robbie Page Memorial at the University of North Carolina Hospital.

You had to see it with your own eyes—eyes which were gratefully tearful at times—to get the full impact of this wonderfully coordinated play area for sick and crippled children.

Those who attended the dedication ceremonies on March 14 shared with each other some of the most beautiful moments of their lives. To more than one hundred Sigmas, University officials, and invited guests it was a time of

. . . unveiling of Robbie's portrait by his sister Susannah Walton Page. . . .

great poignancy, especially at the dramatic unveiling of Robbie's portrait by his sister Susannah Walton Page.

It was as if by pulling the draw cord Robbie's sister had brought him back seven long years after his tragic death from polio. For there he was—blue-eyed, fair haired and radiant—looking out over the very room which is a living memorial to his little boy wish "to help children everywhere." Underneath the portrait is a bronze plaque with the words: "*For one child's sake, may childhood ever be a land of wonder and delight.*"

The dedication ceremonies contained the story of the past, related by

Robbie's father, a note of happiness for children of the present by Lucille Morrison, and a promise for the future by Dr. Edward C. Curnen, who foresees great advances in medical therapy at the Children's Room.

For one brief moment on that bright and sunny afternoon, the past, the present and the future seemed welded together in shining purpose. Margaret Dixon, National President of Tri Sigma, brought this out in a moving presentation to the University of the Children's Room and the other facilities provided by the Robbie Memorial. . . .

In accepting these gifts, Chancellor William B. Aycock of the University of North Carolina told of the deep significance of this expansion in facilities for child care. But even more important than the physical improvements was the bond of devotion and dedication that brought them to pass. Robbie would live on in this room, he said, while thousands of children pass through it gaining health and happiness.

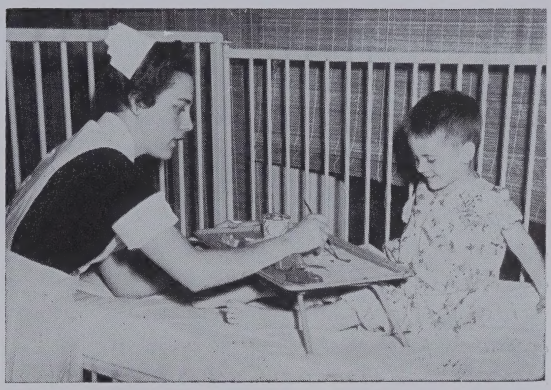
At the request of Robbie's mother, Mary Hastings Page, lines from Ralph Waldo Emerson's "In Memoriam" (written to his own five-year-old son), were read as a part of the benediction by the Reverend Charles Jones:

> "Born for success he seemed
> With grace to win, with heart to hold,
> With shining gifts that took all eyes.
>
> . . . Himself from God he could not free
> He builded better than he knew."

How well he built was evidenced in the colorful, bright playroom, much more spacious than most had realized, the tasteful blend in the decor of the various other rooms provided by Memorial funds and the smiles on the faces of the children. But if seeing were not believing, you had only to hear the comments of University and hospital people after the exercises. "You will never know what this means to us," said a staff doctor. "Robbie *is* helping children right now," declared a nurse. "This project has stimulated the volunteer workers to renewed effort," stated a woman with a "volunteer" patch on her uniform. "This is a wonderfully fine thing," said the wife of the University's president. "It is a spiritual thing of great value to the University and the children it serves."

And from a Sigma alumna who had traveled 1,000 miles to attend the dedication, "This is the finest accomplishment in the history of our social service program. It is just meant to be."

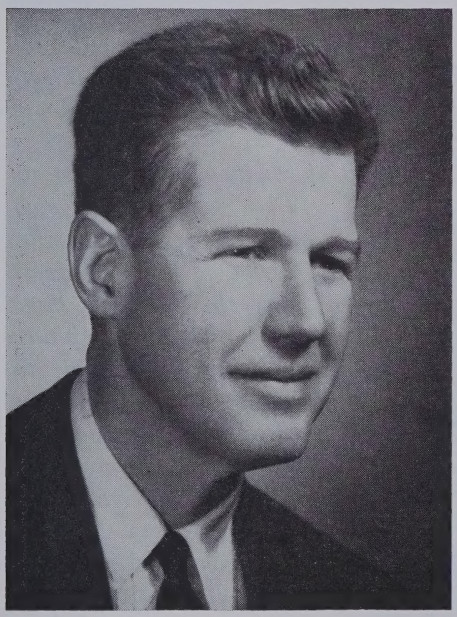
The dollars and dimes of the Robbie Page Memorial were conspicuously at work on March 14 at Chapel Hill, North Carolina.



. . . symbol of all children . . .

During the dedication Lucille Morrison, Chairman of the Robbie Page Memorial, in telling about the present status of the Fund said that it is now the symbol of all children. She spoke of the interesting, special memorials which have been given, and acknowledged with gratitude the counsel of two early treasurers of the Fund, Mr. Ralph Eastman and Mr. Philip Potter, of the State Street Trust Company, Boston.

Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Chief of Pediatric Service at the hospital, spoke eloquently of the future uses of the new area, saying "Completion of the structure, however, is but one phase of the program which has been envisioned. In our discussion with representatives of the Tri Sigma Sorority this memorial has been conceived as one that would serve others in a continuous way. It has been our hope that the program of service and education carried out here, aided by these new facilities will realize this purpose. . . . It is our expectation that the daily activities and accomplishments in this area and the attitudes engendered in it will be impressed upon all of our students, our staff, and our visitors in many walks of life. What goes on in these rooms will have continuous influence on successive generations of doctors, nurses and visitors, and, we trust, will fulfill the desired objective of providing an enduring memorial, documented by good works, in Robbie Page's name."



. . . Dr. Curnen spoke eloquently . . .

Making official presentation to the hospital of the gifts to the pediatric

floor since the beginning of Tri Sigma's service there in 1956, Margaret Dixon, National President, said:

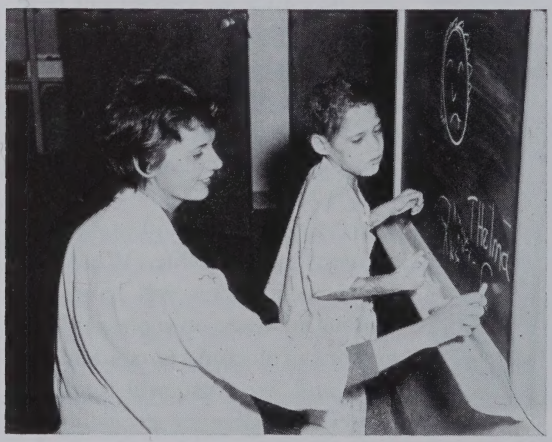
I speak for the Past, for the Present and for the Future. For Tri Sigmas who from the beginning followed a quest to serve others in the most meaningful possible way. Through the years the Sorority has followed many paths of service. These diversified national projects have revolved around the theme "Sigma Serves Children" even as they have included activity in almost all realms of social service. I represent Tri Sigmas who long have planned for and dreamed of a far-reaching and a continuing project of service to children.

I speak for Robbie Page whose buoyant spirit, whose love of all God's creatures, particularly those in need of special affection and care, imbues this moment of fulfillment with joy. In his dear name have Tri Sigmas performed all their philanthropies, large and small, since 1954. His earnest desire to help children everywhere inspires Sigma Sigma Sigma to sponsor greater service to children.

The Children's Room is the heart of Tri Sigma's soical service. This beautiful play therapy area symbolizes the even larger endeavors of the Robbie Page Memorial in the interest of the welfare of children here at North Carolina Memorial Hospital, and through this pioneering program the welfare of children everywhere.

For all whose desire and support in the past and present have made possible this hour, it is my pleasure and my honor to present The Children's Room and all it symbolizes to the North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

May Robbie's happy, radiant spirit, the spirit of childhood itself, permeate The Children's Room now and always. Tri Sigma pledges support through its Robbie Page Memorial for the future and looks forward to many years of working with you as the Sorority continues its loving dedication to serving children.



. . . this pioneering program. . . .

Grants from the Robbie Memorial totaling nearly $34,000 were made to the hospital to provide initial funds for The Children's Room and related facilites, an intercommunications system in the pediatric section,

. . . other facilities in the pediatrics section . . .
The intercommunication system

and salary for a play therapy coodinator in the 1956-1959 triennium.

Among Tri Sigmas, collegiate chapters annually have held an "I Remember Robbie" meeting in September. Each member has made her personal contribution to the Memorial as a token of her abiding interest in the welfare of children everywhere. Chapter projects raised money for Robbie, both on the collegiate and alumnæ levels. Alumnæ have also undertaken special sewing projects for The Children's Room and showed a particular interest in supplying books for the playroom bookshelves.

Memorial gifts honoring loved ones have been received from members of the Sorority, friends of the Sorority and of the Memorial. They are recorded permanently in a lovely Memorial book on display at the 1962 Convention.

Under the direction of Dr. Edward C. Curnen, Jr., eminent pediatrics professor and Chief of Pediatric Service at North Carolina Memorial Hospital, and his successor Dr. Floyd W. Denny, in January, 1961, Robbie Page Memorial relationships with hospital personnel and volunteer assistants have been most cordial and mutually rewarding.

The 1959 Convention at St. Louis again approved a significant gift to the hospital in setting up another three year goal of $25,000, to help secure matching funds to construct, at the opposite end of the floor from The Children's Room, an isolation area for seriously ill babies and children. With this crowning accomplishment Lucille Morrison retired as National Chairman of the Robbie Page Memorial after nearly eight years of inspiring service. In a

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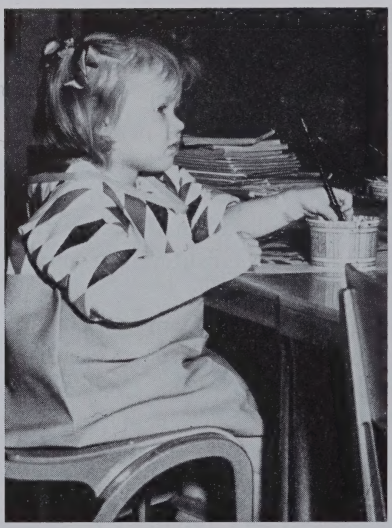
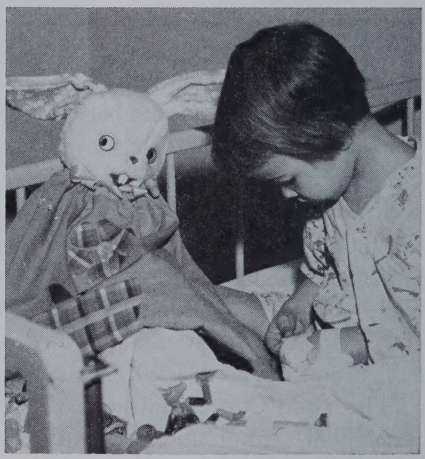


. . . gay, roomy aprons . . .



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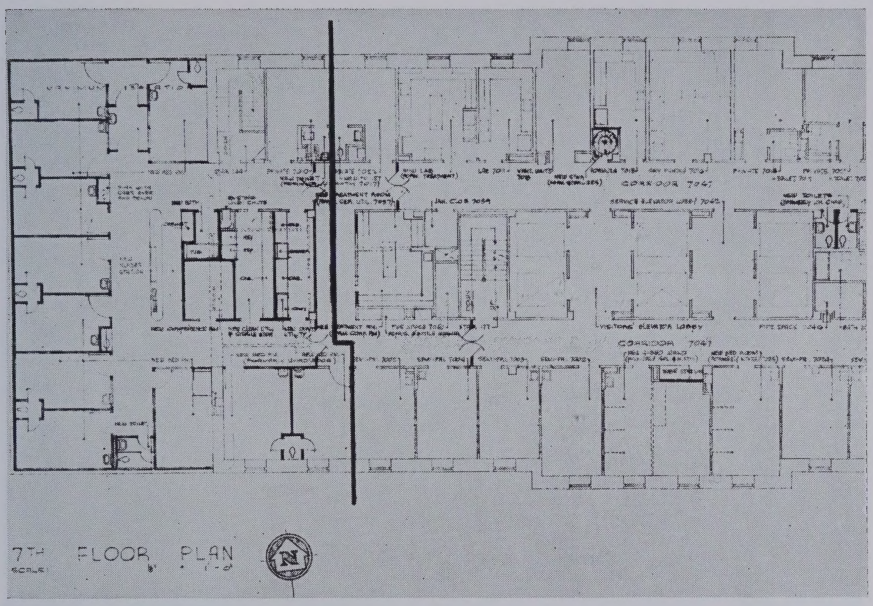


. . . an isolation area for seriously ill children. . . .

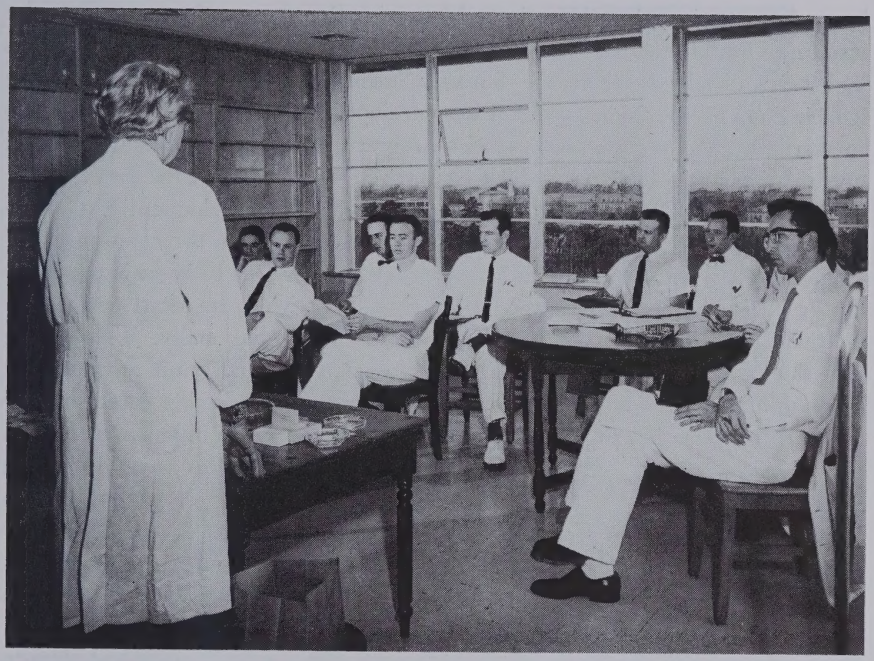
simple ceremony she introduced her successor, Norma Caton Kitchen, *Zeta,* one who has always been most enthusiastic about the Robbie Memorial, for she served as National Director of Social Service at the time the Robbie Fund was established as part of that department. Since then all social service activities, both national and local, have been centered under the Robbie Page Memorial. Thus in 1959 the administration of Tri Sigma's service program for children was brought to a full circle: when Norma transferred to the alumnæ department in 1953, Lucille accepted full responsibility, which now in 1959 passed back to Norma in a happy management of affairs.

. . always most enthusiastic. . . .
Norma Kitchen with play therapist

. . . Lucille Morrison's inspiring service. . . .

Lucille had built the Robbie Memorial on literally hundreds of letters and personal notes, and also spent her time on compiling voluminous reports and records of each transaction. Due to her forthright, businesslike leadership thousands of dollars were raised in increasing numbers each year with the sympathetic, inspired cooperation of college and alumnæ chapters and members at large across the country. She had developed a strong foundation. Now Norma Kitchen would carry on Lucille's aims for the Robbie Memorial "to accomplish something worthwhile."

Procedures were well established. To administer expanding activities of the Memorial, both at Chapel Hill and within the Sorority, Aubrey Christie Waddell, *Beta Zeta,* was added to the Robbie Page Memorial Committee as special representative to the hospital in Chapel Hill, and two especially helpful *Zeta* alumnæ, Emma Sloan and Marie Barker, became working committee members in Buffalo. Margaret Lee Moore, *Alpha Upsilon,* who had served in an advisory capacity from the beginning, Lucille Morrison, Mary Hastings Page, and the National Treasurer, Myrtle Holmes, became mem-



. . . the conference room . . .

. . . social service, a continuing activity . . .

bers of a reactivated Robbie Page Memorial Board in 1962 to support the standing committee's work. (The original Board with several non-members had been dissolved when the Sorority assumed full responsibility for the Robbie Page Memorial in 1956). Thus developed an effective task force to carry forward the Memorial's social service program with ever increasing personal participation by Tri Sigmas, which has proved so valuable in the past.

By the next Convention at Biloxi the record spoke eloquently. Contributions to the national program had increased each of the three years. Local Robbie Page Memorial Chairmen had proved themselves to be inspiring leaders by their planning and direction of chapter activities in local service and by their encouragement of significant contributions nationally. This meant that the goal had been promptly met to provide the initial grant to create the isolation area on the children's floor. Cause for special rejoicing came just before Convention that in the development of plans for this important addition to the hospital, Sigma dollars had been matched six to one! Even as the construction was beginning on this new $150,000 isolation unit, Sigmas had already approved at the 1962 Convention another goal of $25,000 or more during the next triennium. This contribution to the North Carolina Memorial Hospital, again on the basis of matching funds, would create an Out-Patient Children's Room and an area for ambulatory patients. Dr. Denny had said, "When the isolation unit is completed and added to other Robbie Page Memorial projects, primarily The Children's Room and the conference room, the Pediatric floor at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital will be one of the most advanced of its kind in the country." The new project sponsored by the Robbie Memorial's sustaining program would mean another important step forward toward creating a model child care center at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in keeping with its progressive spirit.

. . . Sigma serves children . . .

Since the social service program is a continuing activity, other grants would be made in years to come as the need was indicated. Only the future would determine just where these needs would develop. But one thing was cer-

Glassed in area at left of top floor houses The Children's Room and other facilities; corresponding space at opposite end of the building is the isolation unit. Both areas were formerly open decks until improvements were made possible by the Robbie Page Memorial Fund.

. . . North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill . . .

. . . to future achievement. . . .
Dr. Berryhill, Mrs. Kitchen, Dr. Denny

tain in 1962. Eleven years of dedicated Sigma service through the Robbie Page Memorial Fund had raised more than $100,000, a wondrous Tri Sigma accomplishment, and had brought lasting satisfactions to many people, had contributed directly to the health and happiness of children, and had lighted the way to future achievement of which every Sigma could be proud.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

Traditions

The very marrow of tradition's shown
And all that history, much that fiction weaves.
—CHARLES LAMB

Traditional Awards

MABLE KANE STRYKER MEMORIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND—A memorial to Mable Kane Stryker, *Pi* and *Omega*, Council officer from 1920 to 1942 (her biography appears in the chapter on "Personalities of Later Times") was first suggested by the Golden Gate Alumnæ Chapter led by Sue Nesbitt Kesler, *Pi*, and Barbara Jefferson Eastman, *Omicron*. The coincidence of this idea with the Executive Council's plan to develop a graduate scholarship loan fund resulted in a new tradition of multiple significance. The 1950 Convention established the Stryker Memorial Graduate Scholarship Fund as a tribute to an outstanding Tri Sigma with lifelong devotion to the advancement of education. The Fund offers a means for Tri Sigmas and their friends everywhere to provide a living memorial for loved ones and at the same time assist in financing higher education for qualified students.

The Stryker Loan Fund is under direction of the National Treasurer. A list of donors is recorded in a handsome white leather book which is displayed at Conventions where the scholarship award is usually announced.

Jean Gardner, *Beta Kappa*, was awarded the first Stryker Loan enabling her to carry out graduate work in sociology at the University of Southern California; Margaret Morgan Dawson, *Alpha Tau*, was the next recipient pursuing graduate study in organ and church music; Valerie Moloney, *Rho*, received a grant for graduate work in medical technology; and Lynda Kern,

Alpha Upsilon, in 1962 was awarded a Stryker loan for graduate study in social science.

GOLDEN VIOLET AWARD—On April 16, 1954, the 50th anniversary of Mabel Lee Walton's initiation into Sigma Sigma Sigma, the Sorority established in her honor the Golden Violet Award to recognize her fifty years of faithful membership. A small golden violet pin, suitable for use as a guard to the Triangle badge or a lapel pin, was presented to her on this occasion and to other eligible Tri Sigmas "whose loyalty and love have proved steadfast through the years." Presentations are made at Convention, Founders Day, or other significant occasions to a steadily increasing number of fifty year members who merit the award.

FACULTY SPONSOR RECOGNITION—Since 1911 Faculty Sponsors have provided a vital link of continuity between the college chapter, its alumnæ and the national sorority. In tribute to those who have served several decades or more, a special Certificate of Honor was designed in 1955 as another Sigma Sigma Sigma tradition and presented that year at Founders Day celebrations to Susanne Stinson, *Omicron,* Viola Magee, *Mu,* Ruth Allison, *Alpha Iota,* Estelle Windhorst, *Alpha Lambda,* Muriel McCulla Price, *Alpha Mu,* Marie Benson, *Alpha Xi,* and Marie Todd, *Nu.* The certificate states recognition is given for "many years of devoted service to the Sorority and to the members of the chapter, as evidenced by faithful guidance, high principles, and steadfast love . . . the Executive Council expresses for Sigma Sigma Sigma its lasting regard and appreciation." Whether the years of service be few or many, it might be added, such words of appreciation sincerely apply to all the capable, generous "sorores en facultate" who devote themselves to the continuing welfare of the college chapters. Others receiving the Certificate of Honor have been Hannah Praxl, *Sigma,* and Wilma Toothman, *Alpha Alpha.*

AWARDS TO COLLEGE CHAPTERS

From the beginning Tri Sigma has ever encouraged local and national high standards of chapter scholarship and efficiency. Achievements have been recognized by individual and chapter awards conferred at Convention, Regional Meets, and Founders Day celebrations. New awards develop new traditions as the national program keeps pace with an expanding chapter roll.

Many of the Sorority's token gifts, trophies, awards, and citations are personal and permanent; others are known as "traveling awards" meaning that as different winners appear each year, the thought of sharing the trophy, as it goes from chapter to chapter, typifies the true Tri Sigma spirit and makes of the Sorority a permanency, comparable to the never ending circle of unity. These are traveling awards to chapters:

Achievement Award—A handsome silver tray, a traveling award initiated at

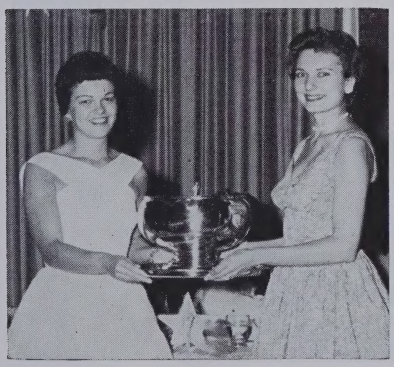
the 1953 Convention recognizes the chapter which through the triennium has shown marked improvement in meeting Tri Sigma standards in scholarship, national efficiency, management of finances, Panhellenic participation, and membership strength.

. . . the true Tri Sigma spirit. . . .

Annual Examination—A large loving cup since 1928 has been awarded the chapter making the highest average on this examination given to college members on the history, *Constitution and By-Laws of* Σ Σ Σ, and *Ceremonials.* Emphasis on sorority education has long been a part of the national program. Those chapters attaining a 90% average or above for the entire triennium are given special Honor Roll recognition at National Convention's final banquet.

Efficiency—To the chapter making the highest efficiency grade in meeting national standards a silver loving cup has been given since 1932. An efficiency award ring is presented to the president of the winning chapter.

Pledge Program—To the collegiate chapter giving evidence since 1953 of highest quality in pledge education over the three-year period of a triennium, a silver punch bowl, ladle and matching tray award is presented at Convention.



. . . quality in pledge education . . .

The Robbie Page Memorial—Beginning in 1951 a citation of merit was given to the chapter making the largest per capita gift. In 1959 the scope of the Robbie Fund program indicated need for wider recognition of chapters, thus developed a new tradition of three silver bowls as traveling awards to be presented annually to the three chapters giving evidence of greatest support to the Memorial as follows: 1) highest total contribution; 2) highest per capita contribution; 3) the Honor Roll chapter with most outstanding local Robbie Page Memorial service program. Recognition is traditionally given at Convention to the growing number of triennial

. . . Robbie Page Memorial awards. . . .

Honor Roll chapters; both college and alumnæ, based on 100% per capita gifts each year. Any of these trophies becomes the property of a chapter which achieves the award three years in succession. In a case of a tie, a duplicate award is given.

Outstanding Chapter Award—A plaque presented annually to the chapter with an overall record of excellent performance, both locally and nationally, in demonstrating Tri Sigma spirit in its relationships and accomplishments.

Scholarship—From 1922 until 1955 the Sorority annually presented a loving cup trophy to the chapter achieving the highest scholastic average. National competition for the scholarship cup was eliminated in 1955 due to increasing differences in grading systems across the country. Instead improvement awards have been substituted and emphasis given to individual scholastic attainment. In 1959 Convention decided to accord a rating of Scholastic Excellence to chapters for every term, quarter, or semester in which at least 90% of the members have an average of 82% or better. Each chapter which maintains this rating throughout a triennium is awarded a silver tray at Convention.

Individual scholastic achievement continues to be recognized, a tradition beginning in 1915, and collegiate members making a straight "A" average for a year are awarded a crested Σ Σ Σ ring.

The Triangle—The chapter whose Triangle Correspondents throughout a triennium accomplish the most outstanding reporting is presented a citation at Convention. Also, the chapter producing the most effective Newsletter for its alumnæ throughout a triennium receives an award at Convention.

RECOGNITION OF ALUMNÆ

Alumnæ Chapter Award—An achievement award is made annually to the alumnæ chapter whose program has been most outstanding. This citation of merit is presented at Founders Day or Convention.

The Triangle Award—Recognition is given at Convention to the alumnæ chapter whose Triangle Correspondent has done the most excellent reporting during the triennium.

Alumnæ Advisory Boards—At Convention the Alumnæ Advisory Boards with the most impressive records of service during the triennium are recognized.

Steadfast Alumna Citation—Presented initially at the 1962 Convention, this citation honors annually an alumna whose exemplary loyalty to the Sorority of many years standing merits special recognition.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SERVICE

The Loving Cup and Ring Traditions—For national officers of the Sorority who bear the weight of responsibility for decisions made, for judgments given, for work faithfully done, appreciation can never be fully expressed.

When a National Executive Council officer retires after five or more years in office, she is honored by receiving from the Sorority an amethyst ring bearing in gold the coat-of-arms of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Another custom is presentation of a ring, crested with the coat-of-arms, or other token of gratitude to the Chairman of Convention for all the attention given to planning social programs, hotel accommodations, and the many other arrangements necessary to the execution of a successful convention.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

Award Winners

Parnassus has its flowers of transient fragance, as well as its oaks of towering heights, and its laurels of eternal verdure.
—SAMUEL JOHNSON

SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA Sorority Awards have been described in the chapter covering "Traditions." Here winners will be named in the time and order of their achievements.

The award system of the Sorority is so well set up, so well-managed on a balanced scale that at the time presentations are made not only does an observer notice an uplift of soul on the part of the recipient, but those who watch are filled with justified pride. All share the victory in work faithfully done for the Sorority.

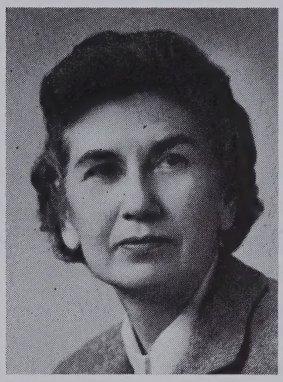
The Emily Gates Alumna Achievement Award

Mary Pallay Covell, Phi; *in 1956, exceptional teacher at Lexington School for the Deaf in New York City and other professional achievements in her field.*

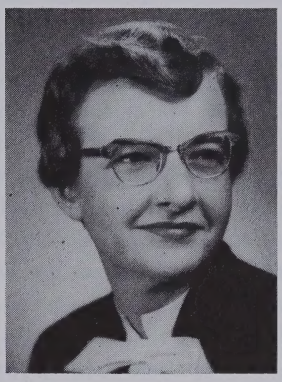
Established in 1938, the Emily Machemer Gates Alumna Achievement Award, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed by Sigma Sigma Sigma, is presented to an alumna for meritorious service to society as well as to the Sorority. Each chapter, college and alumna, and all national officers are invited to nominate such an alumna, with the final selection supervised by the National Alumnæ Secretary. The award is a silver and black shield upon which is mounted the coat-of-arms of the Sorority with the lower half containing a silver plate bearing the name of the winner.

The policy has been that a national officer is not considered eligible for the award while in active service for the Sorority in carrying out the regular duties of her office. Alumnæ who are illustrious Tri Sigmas have been honored since 1953 by receiving the Gates Award through the years, as follows:

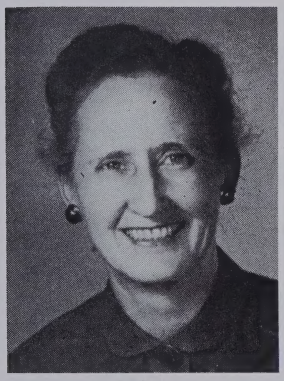
Nora Miller Graffius, Alpha Rho, *in 1957, professor, public speaker, and author in field of childhood education.*



Mildred Sandison Fenner, Alpha Epsilon, *in 1958, Editor of the NEA* Journal, *world's largest professional magazine.*

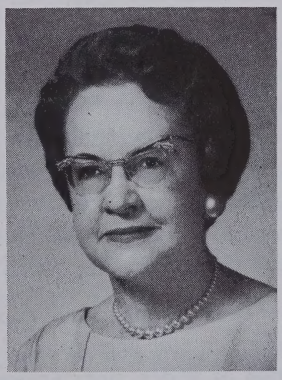


Margaret Lee Moore, Alpha Upsilon, *in 1959, specialist in Physical Therapy and head of this department at the University of North Carolina.*



Ina Simmons Thompson, Rho, *in 1960, unusual record as public official with distinction of being first woman appointed to a governor's administrative group in State of Florida, as Motor Vehicles Commissioner.*

Theresa Roehsler, Zeta, *in 1961, professional achievement with 30 years on faculty of Buffalo S.T.C.'s School of Practice, community service in church, civic clubs, social work.*



Susan Spires Johns, Beta Phi, *in 1962, outstanding career as administrator of church home and training school for children and leader in church and child care educational activities, locally and nationally.*

The Mabel Lee Walton Leadership Awards

The portent and significance of the Mabel Lee Walton Award is symbolized by presentation to each winner of a silver loving cup—a replica in miniature of Mabel Lee's own, which was given to her in 1917 by the Sorority in grateful appreciation of her leadership. The small cup is inscribed "*. . . in loving recognition of leadership, chapter and college, past and potential.*"

A citation accompanied the first award in 1945, that read: *May possession of the cup remind each Sigma so honored of Mabel Lee's own life spent to assist the personal development and happiness of Tri Sigmas everywhere through sorority experiences and relationships . . . and may you, too, be a leader always. . . .*

The names of the college members who were honored with the Mabel Lee Walton Leadership Award since 1953 are listed as follows:

1954—Carol Ann Hymes, *Kappa,* Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
1955—Martha Rae Pase, *Alpha Kappa,* Fairmont State College at Fairmont, West Virginia
1956—Marilyn Fears, *Alpha Psi,* Eastern Illinois University at Charleston
1957—Stana Tadich, *Beta Gamma,* Ball State College, Muncie, Indiana
1958—Anne Kay Crenshaw, *Alpha Sigma,* University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg
1959—Linda Quinn, *Alpha Phi,* Central Michigan University at Mt. Pleasant
1960—Donna Matthews, *Alpha Sigma,* University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg
1961—Donna Schuchard Monschein, *Alpha Nu,* Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
1962—Theresa McDaniel, *Gamma Beta,* East Carolina State College, at Greenville, North Carolina

Because the small cup recognizes leadership in the small sphere of one chapter and campus, the inscription "*leadership potential*" indicates expectation of wider, finer evidence of capabilities in both personal and Σ Σ Σ service throughout life. Each one who, as an alumna, measures up to the promise that achieved her selection by the Executive Council that year, above all other candidates with equally impressive records of demonstrated leadership qualities, will justify the honor given her in good faith. Moreover, these recognized leaders in their collegiate days will be living up to Mabel Lee's own standards of helping to carry onward the necessary tasks of leadership for their Sorority as a growing national organization.

Scholarship Awards

The Founders of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority excelled in scholarship, a matter in which they thoroughly believed and in which they took great pride. As visitors to Conventions and as contributors to *The Triangle,* they have expressed unanimous satisfaction in the fact that emphasis on academic standards continues to be one of the major concerns of the Sorority.

Those Sigmas with the highest or "straight A" averages who have been awarded the Scholarship Ring since 1953 are:

1954-55, Carol Gaunce, *Tau,* Cecile Wright, *Alpha Zeta,* Marcella Fortner, *Alpha Theta,* Glenda Boone, *Alpha Chi,* Alice Tapp, Mary Ann Taylor, and Nancy A. Calhoun, all *Beta Eta*

1955-56, Daphna Shope, *Beta Gamma,* Grace Gingrich, *Beta Epsilon,* Julia Cole, *Beta Iota*

1956-57, Frances Wright, *Alpha Zeta,* Lynn Turner, *Alpha Iota,* Kay Caspall, *Beta Epsilon*

1957-58, Nora Strawn, *Alpha Theta,* Lynn Turner, *Alpha Iota,* Janeice Starwalt, *Beta Mu*

1958-59, Geraldine Brown, *Chi,* Elizabeth Dutney, *Alpha Xi,* Trudy Helm, *Beta Lambda*

1959-60, Nancy Casner, *Nu,* Karen Wedel, *Pi,* Jeanne Gibson, *Chi,* Mary Ann Perello, *Chi,* Karen DeLance, *Alpha Delta,* Andrianne Rossall, *Alpha Delta,* Johanna Hull, *Alpha Zeta,* Dorothy Lingle, *Alpha Nu,* Binnie McCoy, *Alpha Sigma,* Diane Elkins, *Alpha Chi,* Mary Ann Harvey, *Beta Eta,* Virginia Dirksen, *Beta Iota,* Susan Hill, *Beta Theta,* Angela Trozzi, *Beta Theta,* Laura Kiel, *Beta Pi*

1960-61, Karen Wedel, *Pi,* Diane Elkins, *Alpha Chi,* Katherine Louise Hanson, *Beta Delta*

1961-62, Diane Elkins, *Alpha Chi,* (a special plaque as a three year winner with "Straight A" average), Bette Lende, *Iota,* Anita Naylor, *Tau,* Rebecca Goodwin, *Psi,* Carol Ann Thatcher, *Beta Delta,* Marianne Watkins and Sue Hill, both *Beta Theta*

In 1950 a sorority-wide survey of Tri Sigma's scholastic awards program was conducted by former Scholarship Chairman, Lucille Morrison, for the Executive Council. Study of her recommendations and current trends in education resulted in 1955 in discontinuing the annual award of a Scholarship Cup, a tradition begun in 1922. Now, inequalities in grading systems at different institutions of higher education curtailed the accuracy and significance of such an award. Instead of national competition emphasis would be given to individual scholastic excellence and improvement, and to outstanding chapters on their own campuses in competition with other sororities in the College Panhellenic; and to improvement of a chapter's own previous record. (Those chapters awarded the Scholarship Cup are listed in the first edition of the History.)

. . . recognized for scholastic standing. . . .

Alpha Gamma, Alpha Epsilon, and Beta Epsilon chapters were recognized at the 1959 Convention's awards banquet for their fine records in maintaining first place scholastic standing in their College Panhellenics throughout the triennium.

As a means of encouraging scholarship on the part of each chapter, the 1959 Convention decided that, in line with the forward looking action taken to require a 82% scholastic average, a triennial Scholastic Excellence award would be given each chapter who successfully sustained a high scholastic record in line with national standards throughout a triennium.

Receiving this award, a silver tray for the chapter's permanent possession, at the 1962 Convention were Alpha Lambda and Alpha Upsilon.

Annual Chapter Examination Awards

The importance of sorority education was realized early in the days of the new national organization with stress upon knowledge of the order, its history, policies, ceremonials, and government appearing in the annals of the 1907 Convention. The study program after a time became formalized for collegiate members, as well as new pledges, with the national examination an annual event. Beginning in 1915 a special certificate was given members passing the examination creditably. Then in 1927, Convention adopted the procedure still in effect today of awarding the highest scoring chapter with a silver loving cup that is passed on annually to the next winning chapter.

The record of Examination Cup Awards since 1953 follows:

Alpha Iota	1954	Alpha Iota	1959
Pi	1955	Omicron	1960
Alpha Iota	1956	Beta Phi	1961
Alpha Iota	1957	Gamma Alpha	1962
Pi	1958		

To stimulate greater endeavor, as well as gauge the increasing number of excellent averages attained by chapters each year, the Council inaugurated in 1953 a Triennial Roll of Honor to give special Convention recognition at the formal banquet to all chapters maintaining an average of 90% or above each year of the triennium.

The college chapters achieving the Annual Chapter Examination Triennial Roll of Honor are:

1956 Convention for 1953-1956

Lambda	Alpha Theta	Alpha Xi	Alpha Chi
Pi	Alpha Iota	Alpha Upsilon	Beta Theta
Alpha Alpha			Beta Upsilon

1959 Convention for 1956-1959

Pi	Alpha Theta	Alpha Omicron	Beta Beta
Psi	Alpha Iota	Alpha Pi	Beta Gamma
Alpha Alpha	Alpha Kappa	Alpha Chi	Beta Eta
Alpha Zeta			

1962 Convention for 1959-1962

Lambda	Alpha Xi	Alpha Psi	Beta Pi
Pi	Alpha Omicron	Beta Alpha	Beta Sigma
Psi	Alpha Pi	Beta Epsilon	Beta Tau
Alpha Alpha	Alpha Rho	Beta Eta	Beta Upsilon
Alpha Gamma	Alpha Upsilon	Beta Kappa	Beta Phi
Alpha Epsilon	Alpha Phi	Beta Mu	Gamma Alpha
Alpha Zeta	Alpha Chi	Beta Xi	Gamma Beta
Alpha Nu			

National Efficiency Cup Awards

The chapters whose names appear since 1953 on the National Efficiency Award roster are:

Alpha Theta	1954	Alpha Kappa	1959
Mu	1955	Beta Gamma	1960
Beta Lambda	1956	Beta Epsilon	1961
Alpha Xi	1957	Pi	1962
Alpha Mu	1958		

Expanded Program of Awards

Long established awards represent Tri Sigma's steadfast encouragement of a notable standards program designed to develop in the individual a desire to do her best and thereby to make her chapter outstanding. Every phase of chapter life is valuable training for each member who fully participates. Offering a definite gauge of individual attainment as reflected by the chapter's record are the foregoing established national programs devoted to (1) Scholarship, (2) Annual Examination that tests knowledge of the Sorority, (3) National Efficiency Standards. The Executive Council annually has awarded loving cups to chapters for excellence in each of these fields of endeavor, as traveling awards.

Every Tri Sigma activity or project holds the possibility of new ventures, many of which become permanent. Thus is history of the Sorority always alive. In developing a program of wider recognition for chapters and also individuals, at the 1953 Convention banquet, a time when many honors were bestowed, the Council announced several premiere awards. Among them were citations of merit for deeds nobly done throughout the triennium. Displaying the talents of Rachel Gabel Kyle, *Beta Alpha,* National Art Director, beautifully hand illumined citations were awarded at the 1953 and 1956 Conventions to these chapters for outstanding triennial performance:

Scholarship Improvement: 1953, *Sigma;* 1956, *Beta Eta.*
Excellence in Public Relations: 1953, *Alpha Iota;* 1956, *Alpha Epsilon.*
Annual Chapter Examinations (triennial record): 1953, *Alpha Psi.*
Outstanding Local Service: 1953, *Alpha Upsilon;* 1956, *Alpha Alpha.*

From the titles can be seen the origin of certain present day triennial awards. These citations were discontinued as developments in the national program naturally realigned the scope and form of awards for college chapters, as in the Robbie Page Memorial and social service awards program schedule.

Robbie Page Memorial Awards

At the 1953 Convention Lucille Amesse Morrison, *Omicron,* Chairman of the Robbie Page Memorial Fund Committee, was given a special citation in commendation for her distinguished organizing work and devotion above and beyond the call of duty to this memorial dedicated to *all* children. Mary Jo Foster Clark, *Nu,* was similarly recognized for her local work among alumnæ in support of the Robbie Fund.

. . . citations awarded. . . .

. . . with an outstanding record. . . .

Handsome citations were also awarded at this Convention, thereafter at Founders Day, or on some special occasion, to the college chapters making the highest contributions each year to the Robbie Fund, as follows:

1951-1952, Nu
1952-1953, Beta Beta
1953-1954, Beta Kappa
1954-1955, Beta Kappa
1955-1956, Beta Rho
1956-1957, Beta Kappa (a silver tray)
1957-1958, Beta Psi
1958-1959, Psi (outstanding local Robbie Page service program)
1958-1959, Beta Psi (highest total, a silver tray)

With the same chapter meriting repeat awards and increasing zeal among all the college chapters to support the Robbie Page Memorial with an outstanding record, the awards were changed at the 1959 Convention to silver as more versatile. Also, with the social service program of the Sorority both nationally and locally centered in and known as the Robbie Page Memorial, two awards were given at the 1959 Convention banquet as listed above.

Following this Convention three silver bowls as traveling awards have been presented annually to recognize three important areas of outstanding endeavor in support of the Robbie Page Memorial, as follows:

Highest total contribution: 1959-1960, *Beta Psi;* 1960-1961, *Beta Psi;* 1961-1962, *Beta Psi.*

Highest contribution per capita: 1959-1960, *Beta Kappa;* 1960-1961, *Beta Kappa,* 1961-1962, *Beta Phi.*

Outstanding Local Robbie Page Memorial Service Program: 1959-1960, *Psi;* 1960-1961, *Pi,* 1961-1962, *Beta Alpha.*

. . . rosettes as badges of honor. . . .

All chapters having attained a special Honor Roll status for their annual 100% per capita contributions each year of the triennium have their delegates recognized at National Convention and awarded rosettes of purple ribbon to be worn as badges of honor. To inaugurate this tradition at the 1959 Convention the following alumnæ and collegiate chapters were saluted on the basis of Honor Roll standing for the 1958-1959 college year:

Chi	Alpha Gamma	Beta Beta
Kappa	Alpha Iota	Beta Epsilon
Nu	Alpha Lambda	Beta Gamma
Pi	Alpha Nu	Beta Kappa
Psi	Alpha Pi	Beta Mu
Sigma	Alpha Rho	Beta Pi
Xi	Alpha Theta	Beta Psi
Alpha Alpha	Alpha Upsilon	Beta Rho
Alpha Chi	Beta Alpha	Beta Tau
Alpha Epsilon		Gamma Alpha

Chicago Suburban-West	Omaha	St. Louis #2
Kalamazoo		Suburban Washington

The Triennial Honor Roll at the 1962 Convention follows:

Iota	Alpha Epsilon	Alpha Chi	Beta Mu
Nu	Alpha Theta	Beta Alpha	Beta Xi
Pi	Alpha Kappa	Beta Beta	Beta Rho
Rho	Alpha Lambda	Beta Epsilon	Beta Tau
Psi	Alpha Mu	Beta Kappa	Beta Phi
Alpha Gamma	Alpha Phi	Beta Lambda	Beta Psi

Chicago Suburban-West	Denver	Detroit
Kalamazoo	Omaha	Tampa

Chapter Achievement Awards

Presented for the first time at the 1953 Convention this large, handsome silver tray has been given in recognition of outstanding and continuing improvement during a triennium to these chapters:

1953 Alpha Gamma	1959 Alpha Zeta
1956 Alpha Alpha	1962 Alpha Rho

Pledge Program Awards

Established in 1953 and first awarded at the 1956 Convention this award recognizes the college chapter whose pledge education program throughout the triennium has been the most outstanding as evidenced by effective initiation record, pledge examination results, and pledge projects. The beautiful silver punch bowl with matching ladle and tray, a traveling award, has been presented to these winning chapters:

1956 Alpha Chi 1959 Omicron 1962 Beta Pi

Outstanding Chapter Award

1962 Alpha Chi

The Triangle Awards

The Editors of *The Triangle* have often given special recognition to Σ Σ Σ correspondents, both chapter and individual, to encourage and to express appreciation both. Citations of merit, as well as more informal plaudits, recognized the faithful efforts of the Chapter Alumnæ Chairmen until their work was superseded during the 1959 triennium by the chapter newsletter program. Awards given by *The Triangle* at Convention to both collegiate and alumnæ chapters for the best news coverage through a triennium follow:

The Triangle Correspondent—1956, *Beta Beta;* 1959, *Beta Epsilon;* 1962, *Beta Pi.*

Alumnæ *The Triangle* Correspondent—1956, Dallas Alumnæ Chapter (Alice Cox Adams, *Alpha Mu*); 1959, Los Angeles Alumnæ Chapter (Madoline Ward Westhoff, *Mu*); 1962, Pittsburgh Alumnæ Chapter (Shirley Kanaan Kocur, *Beta Theta*).

Best Chapter Newsletter—1959, *Alpha Nu;* 1962, *Alpha Xi.*

Special Awards

The national awards program has been designed primarily to encourage and recognize the efforts of the collegiates and their chapter activities, in line with traditional competition for long established loving cup trophies. Yet with an ever more active and standardized alumnæ chapter program, some special awards have developed to recognize alumnæ as well. In addition to the Emily Gates Achievement Award, the awarding of the Golden Violet to alumnæ of fifty years steadfast membership (whose names are on record at Σ Σ Σ national headquarters), the foregoing awards given by *The Triangle,* and by the Robbie Page Memorial these awards for alumnæ also have been made:

ALUMNÆ CHAPTER AWARD—A citation signed by the Executive Council is given annually to the alumnæ chapter that has evidenced an outstanding program that includes gains in membership, service to college chapters, support of national sorority projects and community service, as well as good fellowship and loyal friendship. The award has been given to these alumnæ chapters:

1956, Milwaukee
1957, Pittsburgh, (Pa.)
1958, Omaha
1959, Chicago Suburban-West
1960, New York City
1961, Kalamazoo
1962, Houston

STEADFAST ALUMNA CITATION—At the 1962 Convention this citation, honoring each year at Founders Day or some other special occasion an alumna for outstanding loyalty through the years, was presented initially to Sue White Stanley, *Rho*.

The record speaks for the fact that the national awards program has steadily been extended with the addition of chapters and activities meriting recognition for meritorious achievements. In her 1956 triennial report to the Convention the National President pointed out: *Seeking to recognize more widely the endeavors of chapters, the national awards program has been again expanded with the aim of pride in accomplishment, first place winner or not. Sister chapters in Tri Sigma carry out national standards anyhow 'not to win a prize or defeat an opponent' but rather to pace each other on the road to excellence. Friendly competition has real merit. A salute to our collegiates who win honors for themselves and for Tri Sigma on their campuses year after year, and to those, also, who encourage the winners and applaud their efforts. That is sisterhood!*

To you, the winners who have run the race, commendation is given with wholehearted and just praise and an exhortation in the words of Alfred, Lord Tennyson:

"In me there dwells
No greatness, save it be some far-off touch
of greatness to know I am not great."

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

Personalities of Later Times

For how many things which for our own sake we should never do, do we perform for the sake of our friends.
—CICERO

IN SEEKING to strengthen Sigma Sigma Sigma throughout its years of growth the many names recorded throughout its history speak for the effort to bring members to active participation in national projects and in furthering of Σ Σ Σ ideals. Countless opportunities to develop leadership result from such a program of voluntary service.

But for space, many other names too, and details of their good works would be written into this history. In fact, every Sigma who by her deeds large or small has contributed in any way to the progress of Sigma Sigma Sigma must think herself remembered here. The knowledge within is surely enough satisfaction; always Sigmas give for the joy of it and never work for nor expect personal credit. Success of the Sorority itself has been the goal. Testifying to this remarkable quality of selfless service for Sigma are the number of Council officers who continue to work in other positions after retiring from that righest rank. The record is noteworthy.

To cite the work of the Chapter Alumnæ Chairmen active for many years and Alumnæ Chapter Correspondents for *The Triangle* is to bring into focus a vital contact on the chapter level that has kept the Sigma links unbroken. They, who, for love of their sisters and the pleasure of keeping in touch, have collected regularly the many details of family interest which delight *The Triangle* and *Alumnæ Newsletter* readers and have aided in keeping the Living Directory up-to-date at national headquarters, are indeed praiseworthy. Many alumnæ volunteer their services year after year in this manner and thus add strength to the national sorority.

To be commended are all the alumnæ active through the years who are Sigma personalities in their own right and localities, supporting and enjoying alumnæ chapters across the land. Others have participated in work for college chapters as advisers, and in other ways. The national organization gains vigor from the widespread loyalty and steadfast purpose of alumnæ, in whatever capacity or wherever they are active for Tri Sigma. To know they have contributed to a happy fellowship in Sigma bonds and to onward progress should be for them a meaningful reward. A national sorority is a stage where everyone can play a part.

Those whose names run prominently through the annals of the Sorority in wider work for Sigma Sigma Sigma are called the personalities of later times.

The qualifications of national officer personnel are as fundamental today as in the earliest times: devotion to Tri Sigma and each other, national vision, dependable attention to detail, generous giving of time and self, enthusiasm for the task at hand whether great or small, faith for the future.

Those who volunteer to serve the whole Sorority find in the fellowship of shared responsibility for the advancement of Σ Σ Σ a great common bond. Then as knowledge and experience are gained in carrying forward the Sorority's goals, the sense of obligation grows that such a spiritual force should go onward to enrich others. And so the years of national service lengthen. Faithfulness in national office gives Tri Sigma a stabilized organization.

Always progressive and dynamic in the conduct of its business, the Sorority has changed or modified titles and procedures in keeping with current practices and trends. Several times this has been done, aiming for a broader and more efficient distribution of services in the major offices and national standing committees, while retaining the basic structure and traditions of Tri Sigma on the whole. The significance of national service for the Sorority has not essentially changed, but its scope has greatly increased in an expanding organization serving ever larger numbers of alumnæ and collegiates. Yet methods of operation necessarily remain much the same in a voluntary association.

Friends, living apart at usually great distance, working through the medium of correspondence with only occasional staff meetings or personal conferences, have thus been responsible for the remarkable growth of Sigma Sigma Sigma. Where one has had to leave off, another has come forward to carry on. Continuity of leadership, resolute and courageous, has ever inspired officers to "work together with love." All service has value—however short or long, the gift of self and time and talent is entirely personal and makes its own contribution. It can best be said of all, they have shown the true spirit of giving. Even as each one bears the mark of Tri Sigma's training and teachings, so does Sigma Sigma Sigma reflect the efforts of each one. "They put their mark on the life of their times."

Space precludes the listing of all who have given national service. In fact only a who's who sketch is allowed for those whose names are written in this chapter; they have held national office for five or more years service or have appeared in official capacity repeatedly in *The Triangle*, one of the keys to their story of loyalty and voluntary, dedicated Sigma service. The personalities of later times as recorded here are listed with titles used during their periods of service; Council officers appear chronologically, the others alphabetically by maiden name.

Note: In the *Supplement* only those officers currently serving the Sorority, or those whose positions have changed since the first edition are listed for the record.

The Grand Chapter 1903-1913: The Grand Council 1913-1923. National Council 1923-1947: Executive Council 1947—

MABEL LEE WALTON, initiated *Gamma* Chapter, April 6, 1904, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia. Offices: National Directory Chairman 1907; Assistant Editor of *The Triangle* 1907-1909; Business Manager of *The Triangle* 1909-1911; Grand Vice-President 1911-1913; Grand President 1913-1923; National President 1923-1947; A.E.S. Representative, 1926-1947; Interfraternity Relations Chairman, 1947-1950; Advisory Board Chairman 1947-1956; President Emerita 1956-(See Chapter Ten).

Mabel Lee Walton, Γ

MABLE WEST (MRS. L. M. LEONARD) initiated *Kappa* Chapter, December 17, 1913, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, *Omega,* 1960. Offices: Business Manager *The Triangle* 1916-1929; Organizer 1929-1935. Her high ideals and standards were an example to all; great personal charm and efficient organizational ability; two decades of loyal national service. Her bequest to the Sorority initiated a special fund for benefit of the National Memorial Headquarters.

Mable West Leonard, K Σ

EDNA CONWAY (MRS. LUDWIG SCHMIDT) initiated *Xi* Chapter, January 27, 1917, Northwestern State College, Alva, Oklahoma. Offices: Editor *The Triangle* 1921-1939; Assistant to A. E. S. Representative 1939-1945; Historian 1945-1947; Program Director 1950-1956; Scholarship Director 1956-1959; Ceremonials Chairman 1959—Quoted frequently in this volume as Editor for 18 years and later as Historian; highly intellectual mind and literary ability; continues to contribute richly to Σ Σ Σ's on-going history; interprets the ritual with inspiration; now a widow, teaches at an Arizona Indian school; travels widely; known as the Sorority's *Poet Laureate;* one daughter and four grandsons.

Edna Conway Schmidt, Ξ

Ida Belle Appleby Dowdell, P

Ida Belle Appleby (Mrs. R. S. Dowdell) initiated *Rho* Chapter, April 17, 1920, Tallahassee, Florida. Offices: National Secretary 1925-1945; Ceremonials Chairman 1945-1948; Convention Chairman 1950, 1959, 1962. Many years active service on the National Council and later as a director are marked by generosity of time, talent, and energy; loyalty continues also in abiding interest as a member of Central Florida Alumnæ Chapter; now a widow and teaches home economics in junior high school; a son and a daughter, Richard and Ann.

Josephine Ganson Burr, K

Josephine Ganson (Mrs. G. L. Burr, Jr.) initiated *Kappa* Chapter, December 6, 1913, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Offices: Alumnæ Chairman 1921-1925; Alumnæ Representative 1925-1936; Advisory Board 1950-1956; Managing Editor of *The Triangle,* 1952-1955; Editor 1955-1957; Historian 1959-1961. Always an outstanding officer; warm, vivid personality and sincere friendliness have made valuable contacts for Tri Sigma wherever she has visited; now a widow; Florida resident for more than thirty years; two children, Larry and Jody, with numerous grandchildren carry onward the "House of Burr".

Helen Bate Cartwright, I

Helen Bate (Mrs. Troy C. Cartwright) initiated *Iota* Chapter, December 16, 1916, Colorado State College of Education, Greeley. Offices: Note Books 1929-1931; Social Service 1931-1935; Organizer 1935-1942; National Treasurer 1942-1953; Parliamentarian 1955-1957. Compiled the first set of chapter officer notebooks; always inspired confidence by unfailing loyalty and ability in all undertaken for her sorority; the National Council depended upon her good judgment, calm deliberation, fair and sincere appraisal; with her husband lives at Lookout Mountain Lodge near Golden, Colorado.

Lucille Amesse (Mrs. H. W. Morrison) initiated *Omicron* Chapter, January 20, 1917. Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti. Offices: Scholastic Grades 1936-1937; Alumnæ Representative 1937-1947; Advisory Board 1947-1950; Chairman Robbie Page Memorial Fund 1951-1959; Member, R.P.M. Committee, 1959-; Historian 1961-; Chairman National Memorial Headquarters, 1962-. Warm personality, gay sense of humor, generous spirit combined with endless capacity for work; always an inspirational leader; systematic methods, energy and determination coupled with deep sympathy and understanding make her successful in anything she undertakes.

Lucille Amesse Morrison, O

Mary Eileen Maloney (Mrs. R. J. Dobson) initiated *Tau* Chapter, September 23, 1934, Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico. Offices: Founders Day Chairman 1937-1938; Editor *The Angle* 1939; Editor *The Triangle* 1939-1947; Advisory Board 1947-1956; Editor of *The Triangle* 1957-1958; Program 1957; 1960-. Outstanding record of loyal service, always giving generously of self and time; versatile, capable, charming in any undertaking; has created many effective programs for special occasions, writing with both facility and deep feeling; three children, Richard, Margaret, and Patty Beth.

Mary Eileen Maloney Dobson, T

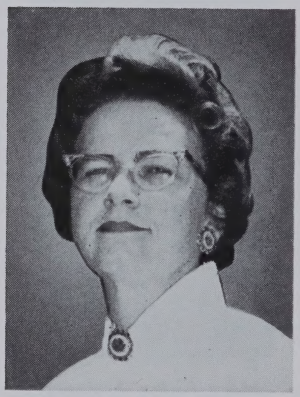
Mary Hastings Holloway (Mrs. Robertson Page) initiated *Alpha* Chapter, March 7, 1934, Longwood College, Farmville, Virginia. Offices: *The Triangle* staff 1935-1939; Editor *The Angle* 1936, Co-organizer 1936-1937; Executive Assistant at Central Office 1938; Assistant to the National President 1939-1942; Organizer 1942-1945; Executive Secretary 1945-1947; National President 1947-1956; National Panhellenic Delegate 1947-. (See Chapter Ten.)

Mary Hastings Holloway Page, A

Marie Santee Dunham, A I

MARIE SANTEE (MRS. W. M. DUNHAM) initiated *Alpha Iota* Chapter, January 11, 1930, Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Offices: Regional Deputy 1935; Examinations and *Pledge Manual* 1937-42; CAC Editor 1945-47; Executive Secretary 1947-.

"Santy" has excelled wherever she has served. Tri Sigma is fortunate in the services of this expert business woman as manager of its Executive Office and in her wisdom as Council officer; personal magnetism, natural poise and exceptional understanding of individuals and situations endow her with the "common touch," and endear her to all; husband "Buck" on all occasions gives helpful cooperation.



Emily Lewis Lee, A Υ

EMILY LEWIS (MRS. L. M. LEE) initiated *Alpha Upsilon* Chapter, May 2, 1940, Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Offices: Assistant to Alumnæ Secretary and Alumnæ Editor 1945; Social Service 1946-1950; Collegiate Secretary 1950-1959; Alumnæ Secretary, 1959-. Volunteered as collegiate for national sorority service; dependable work in Alumnæ Department, then as Social Service Chairman, as Collegiate Secretary, and Alumnæ Secretary speaks for spirit of selfless dedication; Army Dietitian during World War II, continues active in state and national dietetic associations, also church work; lives in Columbia, S.C. with attorney husband and two sons, Lewis and Gary.

Nelda Francis Crawford, A

NELDA FRANCIS (MRS. J. HYDE CRAWFORD) initiated *Alpha* Chapter April 29, 1924, Longwood College, Farmville, Virginia. Office: Alumnæ Secretary 1951-1959; R.A.D. 1959-1962; National Memorial Headquarters Committee 1962-.

Has the distinction of serving as president and assisting in the organization of four outstanding alumnæ chapters; experience combined with great enthusiasm and charm made her a "natural" for later important national alumnæ work; active in music and church associations in Orlando where the Crawfords now live; son "J. Hyde" a successful artist in New York City.

Margaret Freeman Dixon, Σ

MARGARET FREEMAN (MRS. C. C. DIXON) initiated *Sigma* Chapter, June 29, 1939, Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado. Offices: *The Triangle* Exchange Editor 1946-1947; Public Relations 1947; Assistant National Treasurer 1947-1953; National Treasurer 1953-1956; National President 1956-. (See Chapter Ten.)

Marilynn Schmitt Kinsella, A Ξ

MARILYNN SCHMITT (MRS. PAUL J. KINSELLA), initiated *Alpha Xi* Chapter, March 16, 1947, State College, Whitewater, Wisconsin. Offices; Music Director, 1953-1954; National Vice President, 1954-1962. Sincere, enthusiastic, exceptional administrative and organizational ability, versatile and dependable; with such qualities, "Schmitty" made an outstanding contribution as the officer in charge of membership;. Also directed the Sorority's expansion program for several years; lives at Lake Forest, Illinois with school administrator husband; one son, Kevin.

Myrtle Marshall Holmes, A I

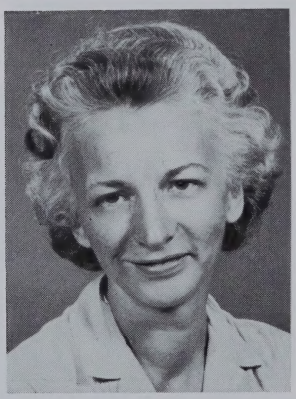
MYRTLE MARSHALL (MRS. CASH HOLMES), initiated *Alpha Iota* Chapter, November 23, 1929, Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Offices: Director of Publications, Editor, 1953-55; Parliamentarian, 1955-56; National Treasurer, 1956-. Loyal participation in alumnæ chapter affairs since president of college chapter; willing acceptance of national assignments, coupled with a business background and multiple civic interests give this gracious Sigma a strong foundation for the increasing responsibilities of management of sorority funds; a widow, "Myrt" lives in Muskogee, Okla.; works for the Bureau of Indian Affairs; enjoys company of her dachshund "Count" and visiting nieces and nephews.

Norma Beuter Larson, B A

Norma Beuter (Mrs. Ralph Larson) initiated *Beta Alpha* Chapter, December 14, 1947, Northern Illinois State Teachers College, DeKalb. Offices: Beta Alpha Chapter Alumnæ Chairman 1951-1957; Alumnæ Editor 1957-1958; Editor of *The Triangle* 1958-. Demonstrated ability, enthusiasm, and dedication to Sigma tasks in collegiate and alumnæ offices; versatile, enthusiastic, capable; an original thinker, initiative, and frankness are assets to Council deliberations; lives at Hinsdale where husband is high school principal; three lively sons, Jay, Kent, and Ned.

Rachel Gabel Kyle, B A

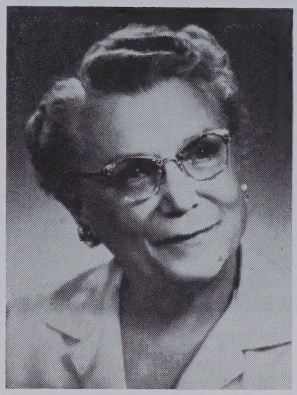
Rachel Gabel (Mrs. Chester Kyle) initiated *Beta Alpha* Chapter, June 3, 1944, Northern Illinois State College, DeKalb. Offices: Art Director 1948-1956; Collegiate Secretary, 1959-1962. A capable free-lance artist, Rachel's handsome violet bedecked illuminated citations made an imposing contribution to the national awards program; well informed on Tri Sigma activities through national service in various assignments since 1948; "Rae" shares actively in the career of her husband, Chet, a music director of a Chicago-area high school; two sons and two daughters.



Mildred Morgan Morrison, A N

Mildred Morgan (Mrs. C. H. Morrison) initiated *Alpha Nu* Chapter, April 3, 1938, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Offices: Scholarship 1959-1962; Vice-President 1962-. Talented and busy, "Midge" was the efficient and effective 1959 Convention registration chairman; a school psychologist in St. Louis; in 1955 merited Dale Carnegie Award for outstanding work in human relations; intense interest in people; gives time to teaching Sunday school, Girl Scouts, Y.M.C.A. Teen Town; hobbies include designing hats, educational research, sewing, tennis; proud of three daughters.

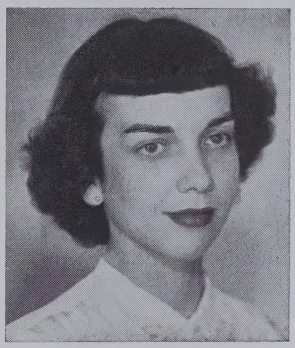
Elsa von Ruecau (Mrs. Thomas L. Jones) initiated *Iota* Chapter, March 21, 1916, Colorado State College, Greeley. Offices: Regional Collegiate Director 1961-1962; Collegiate Secretary 1962-. Has contributed actively to both Detroit and Denver Alumnæ Chapters; served energetically as Recommendations Chairman for Denver area; outstanding for 20 years in the field of Christian education for youth, and longer as administrator in Ladies Auxiliaries of Railroad Brotherhoods; husband Tom recently retired as Western Division Vice-President for Union Pacific; one son, Tom, studying at Yale to be a heart surgeon.



Elsa von Ruecau Jones, I

National Chairmen of Standing Committees, 1913-1947, 1956—(National Directors and Assistants, 1947-1956)

Anna Lou Ballard (Mrs. Robert Snidow) initiated *Alpha Alpha* Chapter, April 20, 1948, Concord College, Athens, West Virginia. Offices: College Chapter Editor 1950-1953; Charm School Director 1953-1956. In 1950 winner of the Mabel Lee Walton Leadership Award, gives leadership on local level in work with college chapter and alumnæ activities. The Snidows live in Princeton, West Virginia, where cattle raising and remodeling of colonial houses make pleasant and lucrative hobbies; one son, Robbie.



Anna Lou Ballard Snidow, A A

Betty L. Bryant (Mrs. Richard J. Kubalak) initiated *Zeta* Chapter, January 9, 1949, New York State College for Teachers, Buffalo. Offices: Party Line Chairman 1953-1955; Membership and Party Line 1955-1959. Artistic ability first recognized by Σ Σ Σ when her design selected for Violet Fund seal; additional contributions have included guidance in membership selection and pledge education, assisting with chapter installations, and leadership schools; provides Σ Σ Σ art work on special assignments. Now combines successful free-lance career with homemaking for art teacher husband Dick and daughter, Joyce.

Betty Bryant Kubalak, Z

Lois Cameron Cesner, K

Lois Cameron (Mrs. Cassell A. Cesner) initiated *Kappa* Chapter, November 29, 1924, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Offices: Assistant to Historian 1953-1956; Extension 1956-1959; Regional Alumnæ Director 1959-1961; Regional Collegiate Director 1961-1962. Long known as a capable Σ Σ Σ Representative in the Chicago City Panhellenic; co-chairman of registration for 1950 convention; versatile, dependable service; husband Cassell recently retired from personnel management field, and with favored basset hound, Tina, the Cesners returned to their old home at Cambridge, Ohio.

Norma Caton Kitchen, Z

Norma Caton (Mrs. D. A. Kitchen) initiated *Zeta* Chapter, October 16, 1935, New York State College for Teachers, Buffalo. Offices: Social Service 1950-1953; Assistant to Alumnæ Secretary 1953-1956; Robbie Page Memorial 1959-. Experience as president and board member of an alumnæ chapter that emphasizes social service made Norma particularly fitted for these national offices; sincere warm personality, combined with dependable cooperative spirit; lives at Kenmore, New York with husband Denis, and three children, Carol (Α Γ Δ), Denny, and Kathy.

Ruth Cox Schowengerdt, X

Ruth Cox (Mrs. Nicholas Schowengerdt) initiated *Chi* Chapter, March 2, 1931, State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kansas. Offices: Assistant to Alumnæ Secretary 1945-1948; Parliamentarian, 1958-1961. Interest in all things Tri Sigma dates back to presidency of chapter when she served as delegate to the Mackinac convention; enthusiastic and capable in whatever she undertakes; lives in San Diego where in the California area she serves as Tri Sigma's good-will ambassador.

Helen Marie Eggert Snyder, A Ξ

HELEN MARIE EGGERT (MRS. HOWARD SNYDER) initiated *Alpha Xi* Chapter, March 1, 1945, State Teachers College, Whitewater, Wisconsin. Offices: Ceremonials 1949-1953; Regional Collegiate Director 1958-1962; National Collegiate Chairman 1962-. Sincerity and earnest endeavor have marked her service from college days as chapter president through all national assignments; lives in Minneapolis with business executive husband and devotes herself to family of two sons and a daughter, Σ Σ Σ responsibilities, church and city Panhellenic activities.

Mary Jo Foster Clark, N

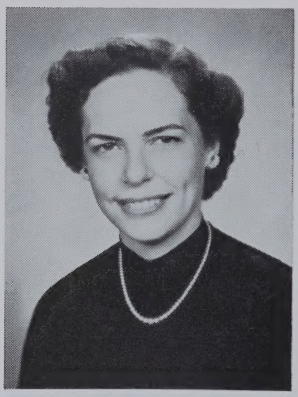
MARY JO FOSTER (MRS. CHARLES CLARK) initiated *Nu* Chapter, January 16, 1936, Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg. Offices: Chairman Examinations 1948-1953; Convention Marshal 1953, 1962; Scholarship 1953-1956. Following graduation, began immediate C.A.C. service, a post held until Examinations appointment; enthusiastic and capable, she takes part in local alumnæ chapter affairs, accepts special national assignments; active in the family business at Warrensburg, Missouri, with her husband, daughter JoAnn (Nu Chapter's president 1962-1963) and son, Charles, Jr.

Muriel Jenkins Minard, A T

MURIEL JENKINS (MRS. CLYDE MINARD) initiated *Alpha Tau* Chapter February 14, 1942, Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D.C. Offices: Magazine Agency 1950-1953; Social Service 1953-1956; Regional Alumnæ Director, 1958-1960. As Alpha Tau Alumna Adviser and as president of the Washington Alumnæ Chapter, her understanding of national procedures naturally qualified Muriel for greater responsibility. Attractive as well as capable, she represents the Sorority creditably on all occasions.

Lucille Liebmann Jacobs, A Λ

LUCILLE LIEBMANN (MRS. DALE JACOBS) initiated *Alpha Lambda* Chapter, March 4, 1952, Harris Teachers College, St. Louis, Missouri. Office: Pledge Program 1956-1962. Transferred to Nu Chapter for graduating year, giving duo-chapter experience, with responsible office holding in each, as unusual background for directing the pledge education program; charming personality and fine ability made her a valuable national representative on chapter visits and at leadership schools; lives at St. Louis with husband and small daughter.



Margaret Reed Schwein, A Γ

MARGARET REED (MRS. REX SCHWEIN) initiated *Alpha Gamma* Chapter, May 25, 1936, Fort Hays State College, Hays, Kansas. Offices: Rush Activities 1944-1947; Director Chapter Alumnæ Chairmen and Alumnæ Editor 1947-1956; Assistant to the Historian 1956-1959. Wholehearted, faithful, capable, Margaret always contributed service wherever needed; as mother of five children she set a shining example of finding time to work for her Sorority; now teaching again, she lives in Atchison, Kansas.

Margaret Moore, A Y

MARGARET MOORE initiated *Alpha Upsilon* Chapter May 13, 1939, Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Offices: Music Director 1947-1950; Member Robbie Page Memorial Fund Board, 1951-. Winner of the National Efficiency Ring Award as chapter president, "Mo's" abilities have often been in evidence for her Sorority; dedecation to her profession began in World War II as an officer of the Army Medical Corps; Gates Award, 1959; heads the School of Physical Therapy at the University of North Carolina; "Mo" by her enthusiasm and ability for leadership in singing made a lasting impression at regional and national meetings.

Virginia Russell Emrich, Π

VIRGINIA RUSSELL (MRS. ROBERT D. EMRICH) initiated *Pi* Chapter, January 25, 1948, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia. Office: Music Chairman 1955-1959. A perfectionist of much talent, her work with Convention choirs was impressive; revision and printing of the last edition of *Songs Sigmas Sing,* published in 1961 was another of this energetic, imaginative officer's accomplishments; with husband, Bob, and three children, she lives in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Mildred Sandison Fenner, A E

MILDRED SANDISON (MRS. WOLCOTT FENNER) initiated *Alpha Epsilon* Chapter, December 6, 1928, Northwestern State College, Maryville, Missouri. Offices: Notebooks 1932-1936; Educational Research 1936-. Her contributions to Tri Sigma are many and varied in the educational world; marked intellectual ability makes her one of the outstanding educators of the United States; holding a Ph.D. degree her talents were early recognized by the National Education Association where she serves as Editor of the *NEA Journal;* Gates Award 1958; despite many demands on her, is unfailing; her sweet and unassuming manner endear her to all; lives in Washington, D.C.

Phyllis Seidler McIntyre, B Z

PHYLLIS SEIDLER (MRS. JAMES MCINTYRE) initiated *Beta Zeta* Chapter May 3, 1946, State Teachers College, Cortland, New York. Offices: College Chapter Editor 1948-1950, Chairman Senior Send-On 1950-1953; Alumnæ Editor 1958-. A charter member of her chapter and its delegate to the Golden Anniversary Convention, national service for Phyllis began with Leadership School in 1948; her loyalty and "Sigma Spirit" have never failed; a facile pen and ready wit are valuable assets in alumnæ contacts. Husband Jim is an athletics coach; lives at Pine Bush, New York with their three children.

Susanne Stinson, O

SUSANNE STINSON initiated *Omicron* Chapter, January 20, 1917, Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti. Offices: Scholastic Grades 1917-1923; Historian 1952-1956. From the beginning of Omicron Chapter's life the respected and much loved Faculty Adviser, always willing to give of her time and high ideals to guide its members, even after retirement; capable as Chairman of Scholastic Grades; outstanding contribution to the sorority is her monumental work as Historian; now lives in Detroit, Michigan, continuing to spend summers at her old home in Ellsworth, Maine.

Madge Towell, A O

MADGE TOWELL initiated *Alpha Omicron* Chapter, March 29, 1935, State Teachers College, Conway, Arkansas. Offices: Examinations and Charm School 1943-1950; Housing and Loans 1950-1962; Assistant to National Treasurer 1961-. Efficiency matched by steadfast loyalty from the date of initiation as a charter member of her chapter marks her national service; the first Director of Housing, she developed this separate department, standardizing procedure for college chapters and their alumnæ advisory boards; capable organizational ability; business-like approach; lives at Russellville, Arkansas.

Betty Turner McKenrick, Λ

BETTY TURNER (MRS. R. P. MCKENRICK) initiated *Lambda* Chapter March 16, 1928, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania. Offices: Assistant to Alumnæ Secretary 1947-1948; Director Alumnæ Extension 1948-1956. National activities were centered in the Alumnæ Department; an analytical approach coupled with humor and charm proved delightfully effective; travels extensively with her husband and lives in a suburb of Chicago.

Beverly Vose Kelton, B A

BEVERLY VOSE (MRS. ROBERT KELTON) initiated *Beta Alpha* Chapter, January 28, 1945, Northern Illinois State College, DeKalb. Offices: College Chapter Editor 1949-1951; Public Information Director 1951-1956. One of a family of three Tri Sigma sisters; an inherited love for the sorority plus organization ability developed in the W.A.V.E.S. and teaching enabled this young homemaker to combine national service with the care of a husband and a growing family; lives in Alton, Illinois.

Virginia Whetstone McCrush, Z

VIRGINIA WHETSTONE (MRS. JOHN V. MCCRUSH) initiated *Zeta* Chapter, April 12, 1930, New York State College for Teachers, Buffalo. Offices: Alumnæ Dues Recorder 1953-1958; Business Manager of the History, 1954-1956; Regional Alumnæ Director, 1959-1960. Experience in alumnæ chapter affairs gave this loyal, versatile alumna's efforts valuable background for national assignments; quiet efficiency and sound business methods mark her work; a faithful member of award winning New York City Alumnæ Chapter until her husband's retirement moved them to St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mildred Yount Huber, Λ

MILDRED YOUNT (MRS. WILLIAM B. HUBER) initiated *Lambda* Chapter, March 16, 1928, Indiana State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania. Offices: Parliamentarian 1953-1955; Assistant to Historian 1955-1956; Historian 1956-1958; Regional Alumnæ Director, 1958-1962. A tri-chapter Tri Σ, initiated by *Lambda*, an advisory board member for *Beta Theta*, and a key figure in the Pittsburgh Alumnæ Chapter; a warm and witty personality combined with loyal cooperation and faithful interest in Tri Sigma's progress characterizes her: Dr. Huber is an eminent physician and Mildred has headed the women's medical auxiliary association; two sons several times completed the family foursome at national conventions.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

College Chapters

Respect is what we owe; love, what we give
—PHILLIP JAMES BAILEY

The role of the college chapters is all encompassing, of course, and has primary significance in the Sorority. Theirs is the unique privilege and responsibility of perpetuating Tri Sigma's high purposes of friendship and character. A united sisterhood that extends beyond college days or any single campus throughout life depends upon the college chapters who in the passing years are its custodians. Each college chapter has accepted this trust with its charter.

No account could do justice to the conscious pride with which each college chapter, wherever located, strives to better its best, to live up to expectations of national standards, to bring honor to the name of Sigma Sigma Sigma. With a steadily lengthening college chapter roll these pages are already crowded. Only limited data is given here, therefore, of each chapter's origin and sponsoring institution based on information from the chapter historian. The history of the first ten chapters, so inter-related with the early progress of the Sorority, has been covered more fully in the first section of this volume. For purposes of national record the entire college chapter roll has been listed as follows by date of national charter grant:

Alpha. Installed April 20, 1898, Longwood College, Farmville, Virginia. *Charter members:* Margaret Batten, Marie Louise Davis, Martha Trent Featherston, Isabella Merrick, Sallie Michie, Lelia Agnes Scott, Elizabeth Watkins, Lucy Wright. Total membership in 1962: 771.

Beta. Installed May 11, 1903, Lewisburg Female Institute, Lewisburg, West Virginia. *Charter members:* Mary L. Cloyd, Grace V. Martin, Sadie Grover, and Lucille Humphrey. Total membership: 31. Charter withdrawn, 1908.

Gamma. Installed April 16, 1904, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia. *Charter members:* Harriet Isabel Wysor, Mabel Lee Walton, Marietta Kline, Bessie Bennett Brower. Total membership: 56. Charter withdrawn, 1911.

Delta. Installed October 4, 1904, Peabody Normal College, Nashville, Tennessee. *Charter members:* Anne Cross, Nellie Brady, Lelia Cassel, Lena Carnahan, Alice Pearson. Total membership: 60. Charter withdrawn, 1911.

Epsilon. Installed January 30, 1905, Hollins College, Hollins, Virginia. *Charter members:* Ada Kathleen Blount, Grace Lee Briggs, Louise Dixon Burns, Mabel E. Caldwell, Evelyn Talbot, Mary Clare Kendrick, Anna Kusian, Myrtle Morley, Ethel Savory. Total membership: 52. Charter withdrawn, 1914.

Eta. Installed November 20, 1905, Searcy Female Institute, Searcy, Arkansas. *Charter members:* Agnes Fletcher, Eunice Eppes, Martha Lightle, Grace Webster, Ruth Schimmelpfrig, Will Lynn Alexander. Total membership: 12. Charter withdrawn, 1907.

Alpha Delta (Texas). Installed December 2, 1905, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. *Charter members:* Laura Fowler, Cornelia Wyse, Nora Hotchkiss, Una Warless, Victoria Newton, Mary Church, Bertha Rasburg, Agnes Scaling, Anne Johnston, Erma Smith, Norma Smith, Ray Hyer, Gladys Lockett, Gussie Allen, Hazel Blackburn, Josephine Field. Total membership: 60. Charter withdrawn, 1911.

Theta. Installed February 9, 1906, Woman's College (Hood), Frederick, Maryland. *Charter members:* Flossie Kauffman, Jessie McCullagh, Estelle Koster, Agnes Slurford, Bertha McCall, Camille Slurford and Margaret V. Hoffman. Total membership: 12. Charter withdrawn, 1907.

Sigma Phi. Installed April 9, 1909, Southwestern Baptist (Union) University, Jackson, Tennessee. *Charter members:* Ione E. Fite, Mabel Dent Freeman, Frances Maude Hickerson, Emma Love, Myrtle Melton, Vivian L. Moore, Winnie D. Moore, Lois Barney Sasser, Ruby Warmath, Etta Frances Arnold, Margaret Lucy Arnold, Bernice Barry, Karrie Karns Barry. Total membership: 132. Charter withdrawn, 1924.

Kappa. Installed November 4, 1911, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. *Charter members:* Mary Louise Spining, Helen Cookston, Mary Bargmann, Alice Williamson, Fannie Nesbitt, Leon Lemon, Leona Linder, Louella Krauss. Charter withdrawn 1935. Reinstated, April 28, 1950. Total membership in 1962: 463.

Kappa celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its chartering on October 7, 1961, with an impressive program and reception and a significant gift to Miami University. Margaret Dixon, National President, participated in behalf of the Executive Council.

Zeta. Installed November 8, 1911, New York State College for Teachers, Buffalo, New York. *Charter members:* Kathryn Brown, Mary Frame, Rose Grodzinsky, Mildred Hubbard, Loretta Krebs, Florence Kurt, Emily Machemer, Saville McConnell, Katherine Story, Edna Ulner, and Mildred Falk. Total membership: 643. Charter withdrawn 1954.

An outstanding event came in 1936 when Zeta celebrated twenty-five years of distinguished activity on campus. Unfortunately the happily anticipated Golden Anniversary celebration was denied Zeta through preemptory action of the New York State University Board of Trustees in 1953 which banned national social sororities on all of its campuses. Faithful Zeta alumnæ, however, carried out impressive plans for commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary in November 1961 through the Buffalo Alumnæ Chapter's celebration of its chartering in 1911. Most of the Zeta Chapter charter members were present. Lucille Morrison, National Historian, represented the Executive Council.

Phi. Installed June 8, 1912, Ohio University, Athens. *Charter members:* May W. Chase, Edna Blanche Clare, Bessie Mae Hewitt, Zelma Krapps, Sarah Lively, Alta Elizabeth McClean, Basha Swan, Florence Skinner, Gladys Thomas. Total membership: 201. Charter withdrawn, 1932.

Lambda. Installed February 12, 1915, Reinstated March 15, 1928, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania. *Charter members:* Kathryn Henrietta Bricker, Janet Irene Brindle, Alice Ruth Buchanan, Grace Anna Davis, Ida Rebecca Gallagher, Neyra Christine Gana, Anna Marie Higgan, Neeta Bertha Lorentz, Margaret Naomi McClay, Margaret Teresa O'Neill, Gladys Muriel Smith, Nellie Marguerite Walker, Sarah Magdalene Woy, Elizabeth Wiltrout, Alvada Bingleman, Myrtle Turner, Martha Moore, Virginia Dickinson, Marguerite Waldron, Jessie R. Turner, Edith Margaret Anderson, Marie Woods, Rowene Shillito, Regina Anne Malia, Marie Smalstig, Jean Witter, Marie Dempsey, Bella Lakey, Edythe Irwin, Marian Eberst, Frances Grover, Dorothy Tripp, Mildred Rhone, Edna Lee Sprowls, Adelaide Mylott, Mildred Yount. Total membership in 1962: 581.

Iota. Installed February 12, 1915, Colorado State College, Greeley. *Charter members:* Gretchen Alborn, Virginia Anderson, Florence Barber, Myrtle Backer, Emma Brady, Irma Dakens, Emma Dumke, Helen Hoon, Ruth Jones, Gladys Kelley, Anne Landrum, Viola Oliver, May Scotland, Jeannette Spencer, Florence Vickers, Gladys Wood. Reinstated April 18, 1947. Total membership in 1962: 611.

Mu. Installed November 26, 1915, Northeast Missouri State College, Kirksville. *Charter members:* Cecile Suez Callison, Velda Cochran, Lillian Crosby, Louise Alice Derby, Della Marie Fuller, Anna Genevieve Kirkbride, Sarah Beatrice Laird, Ruth Lilley, Merle Lutes, Helen Mable Warkey, Mary McLaughlin Matlick, Mary D. McReynolds, Mable Virginia Perry, Margaret Lee Perry, Mildred Marie Rieger, Martha Sprecher, Lucy Toalson, Mary Elizabeth Waddill, Madeline Frances Ward. Total membership in 1962: 840.

Nu. Installed November 29, 1915, Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg. *Charter members:* Caroline Anderson, Flora Cockrell, Josephine Conway, Maude Cook, Mary Foley, Ruth Robertson, Elizabeth Shannon, Effie May Shryock, Marie Todd, Mamie Claire Walker, Hannah Wallace, Geneva Youngs, Marie Youngs. Total membership in 1962: 717.

Xi. Installed December 1, 1915, Northwestern State College, Alva, Oklahoma. *Charter members:* Alta Mae Dearing, Neva Jane Hanford, Mable Allen Hobbie, May Belle L. Hughes, Hazel Gladys Martin, Rachel Rhody McClure, Bessie Marie McCormick, Henrietta Pyle, Catherine Forgy Serviss, Reed Loving Watt, Neva Ione Wilkinson. Total membership in 1962: 356.

Omicron. Installed January 20, 1917, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. *Charter members:* Mary Allen, Lucille Amesse, Mabel Benton, Edith Couper, Lyle Dunstan, Ruth Elzinga, Helen Feldmeyer, Hazel Geer, Minna Gustafson, Helene Janes, Barbara Jefferson, Viola Lister, Irma Miller, Marguerite Miller, Bertha Postal, Gladys Rose, Marion Thompson, Dorothy Willis. Total membership in 1962: 691.

Pi. Installed March 30, 1917, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia. *Charter members:* Mable Kane, Susan Nesbitt, Ruth Wendel, Marie Gower, Helen Jones, Hope Jones, Josephine Willig, Katherine Doty, Florence Palmer, Meda Howell, Ethel Moddrell, Elizabeth Sparks, Ruth Hagenmaster, Nell Hughes, Anne Bingham, Julia Wayland, Leona McCarty, Jouetta Berner, Ruth Taylor, Elsie Deming, Marcella Hanscome, Ruth O'Keefe, Helen Smith, Thelma Walls, Gertrude White, Clara Mae Perkins, Katherine Fuller, Edith Howell Baldwin, Velma Bonham, Theda Breneman, Dee Cobb Carruth, Vivian Orpha Crawford, Pauline Fesler, Louise Klinkenberg, Leonor Carolyn Lamink, Opal Loveless, Jane Ernestine McCabe, Jessie Lea Messick, Dorothy Cost Payne, Helen Mary Phillips, Margaret Carolyne Phillips, Ruth LaVerne Stoner, Irene Elizabeth Taylor. Total membership in 1962: 801.

Rho. Installed February 2, 1920, Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee. *Charter members:* Helen Elizabeth Mack, Doris Mayes, Frances Ella Britt, Myrtle Wade, Susie Lee White, Dennie Claire Williams, Ione Aoye Williams, Billie Marie Williams, Sarah Kathleen Alvarey, Mollie Wert Abernathy, Lillian Estelle Dean, Lucile Smith. Charter withdrawn, 1935. Reinstated April 2, 1960. Total membership in 1962: 246.

Upon Σ Σ Σ's affiliation with National Panhellenic Conference which eliminated the earlier complications that had adversely affected strength of the chapter, interested Rho and Florida alumnæ appealed for the chapter's reinstatement. In 1959 the University invited Tri Sigma to return and the charter was reactivated by an enthusiastic colony of 65 members.

Tau. Installed July 1, 1921, New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas. *Charter members:* Helen Elizabeth Alderman, Eliza Berkey, Laura May Crawford, Louise DeBolt, Lena Eldridge, Isabell Gallegos, Violet Hoffman, Mernice Howe, Rebecca Elizabeth Jasper, Rose Jasper, May Agnes Thornburgh, Ruth Ziegler. Total membership in 1962: 370.

Upsilon. Installed February 12, 1922, East Central State College, Ada, Oklahoma. *Charter members:* Donna Belle Lee, Laura Burris, Lois Gable, Juanita Harrison, Roberta Allen, Verlia Cobb, Mary Knight, Billy Clayton, Thenia Burris, Ora Ewing, Callie Britt, Nellie Kearns, Flora Summers, Mary Case, Millie Capshaw, Mae Burdick, Lulu Roach, Ruth Mount, Mary Clayton, Catherine Griffith, Bess Roberts, Sylvia Catron, Ruth Boggan, Flossie Summers, Elizabeth Clayton, Thelma Tidwell, Hazel Morse, Sammie Bentley, Madeline Chambless, Total membership: 402. Charter withdrawn, 1955.

Chi. Installed February 22, 1922, Kansas State College, Pittsburg. *Charter members:* Evelyn Skelton, Marie Oerke, Birdia Sturgeon, Julia Mohler, Jane Clevinger, Amy Dennis, Clara Watts, Marie Myers. Charter withdrawn, 1954. Reinstated April 20, 1956. Total membership in 1962: 564.

Psi. Installed March 17, 1922, Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia. *Charter members:* Sarah Lucille Maier, Helen Hoff, Rosalind Hoff, Virginia E. Hoff, Julia Weller, Margaret M. Eagen, Doris A. Myers, Helen Margaret Muller, Dorothy G. Whittaker, Sweetland S. Oxley. Total membership in 1962: 747.

Sigma. Installed February 21, 1925, Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado. *Charter members:* Evelyn Miller Houser, Alma Boyer, Pauline Millington, Lucy Russell, Nellie Santarelli, Grace Riley, Ruth Delo, Rowena Hetherington, Katherine Welles and Margaret Owen. Total membership in 1962: 452.

Alpha Alpha. Installed October 10, 1925, Concord College, Athens, West Virginia. *Charter members:* Garnet Brammer, Virginia Karnes, Willie Teany, Mary Pennington, Gladys Brammer, Ester Riffe, Thelma Dick, Thelma Martin, Katherine Dangerfield and Marion Swope. Total membership in 1962: 544.

Alpha Eta. Installed May 31, 1928, Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. *Charter members:* Mae Engle, Ermal Thorpe, Geneva Mills, Margaret Spurgeon, Agnes Hawkins, Frances Hellman, Millicent Stevens, Edna Groff, Mary Louise Neier, Ethel Lee Lester, Wilma Matney, Naomi Shepard, Mildred Sulton, Burnace D'Armond, Dorothy Bon Durant, Helen Turfitt. Total membership: 86. Charter withdrawn, 1933.

Alpha Beta. Installed November 6, 1925, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. *Charter members:* Mona Fletcher, Ruth Mae Shibley, Florence Babb, Mildred Mozena, Helen Blake, Arrita Drew, Alice Dixon, Flora Jacobs, Mignonne Bryant, Gladys Jacobs, Helen Thorpe, Violet Creps, Elizabeth Leickheim, Mildred Elgin, Louise Fenton, Ella Springer, Faye B. Wolfe, Vera Morris, Katherine Frase, Ardis Burroughs, Mildred A. Jones, Elaine Drew, Lucille Pearce. Total membership: 377. Charter withdrawn, 1947.

Alpha Gamma. Installed December 12, 1925, Ft. Hays State College, Hays, Kansas. *Charter members:* Greta Blunie, Dora Mae Dague, Velma Horner, Zelda Kramer, Celia Muir, Pauline Oskins, Mary Rosella Russell, Sylvia Williams. Total membership in 1962: 340.

Alpha Delta. Installed May 14, 1926, Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *Charter members:* Emma Marian Brown, Roberta G. Dare, Katherine I. Fassett, Anna Gross, Edith Knabb, Sara Adelaide Mayer, Jeannette M. Robey, Edith Sullivan. Total membership in 1962: 714.

Alpha Epsilon. Installed April 20, 1927, Northwest Missouri State College, Maryville. *Charter members:* Nell Hudson, Hattie Anthony, Loretta Jones, Susie Hankins, Margaret Sells, Helen Qualls, Lula Mae Curfman, Margaret McMurray, Rebecca Briggs, Virginia Robinson, June Cozine. Total membership in 1962: 565.

Alpha Zeta. Installed February 17, 1928, Northwestern State College of Louisiana, Natchitoches. *Charter members:* Florence Allemon, Lillian Carter, Mary Jane Carter, Ann Cook, June Cooley, Bess Fitzgerald, Minnie Fomley, Henrietta Fortson, Ora Garland, Chelsea Gates, Dorothy Gordon, Eva Gordon, Mary Heard, Neva Knighton, Agnes Lyons, Claudia Scarborough,

Martha Litchfield, Lucille Mertz, Clem Rogers, Violet Savers, Gertrude Spencer, Ermine Tant, Zelphis Willson, and Mary Catherine Winters. Total membership in 1962: 543.

Alpha Theta. Installed June 2, 1929, Radford College, East Radford, Virginia. *Charter members:* Mary Anderson, Virginia Deal Lawrence, Addie Johnson, Isabelle Richards, Lucille Christian, Kathleen Jennings, Elizabeth Hardwicke, Susan Roberts, Eleanor Jones, Elizabeth Wray, Virginia Snider, Emma Hart, Helen Einstein, Anne Miller, Ada Goodpaster, Viola Ethridge, Cecil Shepherd, Izola Akers, Annie Jones, Gladys White, Ida Einstein, Marion Dyerle, Mildred Hale, and Mrs. Richard Farmer. Total membership in 1962: 562.

Twenty-five silver years were remembered in April, 1954 in a weekend celebration of this anniversary. Nelda Francis Crawford attended as the guest of honor representing the Executive Council.

Alpha Iota. Installed November 23, 1929, Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. *Charter members:* Ruth Allison, Gertrude Rogers, Myrtle Marshall, Marjorie Reid, Addie Lee Paris, Beatrice Seymour, Evangeline Baines, Marie Hargis, Mattie Sue Moser, Mildred Pyle, Marguerite Randall, Leona Reed, Edna Jones Coats, Estell Jones, Ione Sanders and Ruth Williams. Total membership in 1962: 472.

Celebrating the Silver Anniversary with Alpha Iota were appropriate representatives of the Executive Council in Marie Santee Dunham, Executive Secretary (Alpha Iota's president and Convention delegate in 1932); also Myrtle Marshall Holmes, Editor of *The Triangle*, and Alpha Iota's first chapter president.

Alpha Kappa. Installed May 30, 1930, Fairmont State College, Fairmont, West Virginia. *Charter members:* Vivian Musgrave, Margaret Wilson, Gretchen Lowe, Georgia Faddis, Lucie Powell, Ann Henry, Myrtle Huey, Margaret Houck, Vivian Boughter, Virginia Moore, Sara Irwin, Jane Hall, Doris Hutchinson, Dorothy Collins, Ruth Ellen Kelley, Mildred Hoey, Billy Harvey. Charter withdrawn, 1937. Reinstated February 22, 1947. Total membership in 1962: 299.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Alpha Kappa's founding was celebrated on Founders Day, 1955, with the National Alumnæ Secretary, Nelda Crawford, as guest of honor for the occasion.

Alpha Lambda. Installed October 10, 1930, Harris Teachers College, St. Louis, Missouri. *Charter members:* Aurelia J. Sullivan, Estelle Windhorst, Edna Kelly, Evelyn Niehaus, Lois Tarry, Martha Bernet, Alberta Meyer, Zelpha Caldwell, Elizabeth Bernet, Catherine Dunkel, Mildred Marsh,

Blanche Marten; Mary Mazar, Elizabeth Morton, Miriam Dorothy Pauls, Esther Rahmoeller, Helien Rishoi, Wilma Marie Schoetker. Total membership in 1962: 344.

Alpha Mu. Installed May 30, 1931, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette. *Charter members:* Mary Katherine Desobry, Georgia Patterson, Florence Landry, Willie Mae Post, and Anna O'Shaughnessy, Tommy Ruth Hyatt, Marguerite Landry, Edmay Prosser, Lillian Gaithe, Constance Desobry, Hilda Dayhi, Mary Maxine Miller, Yvonne Whitfield, Bessie Healey, Dolores Sandoz, D'Ella Veazey, and Muriel McCulla. Total membership in 1962: 480.

. . . By May 5, 1956, when the Silver Anniversary was celebrated with a reception, Alpha Mu's growth was distinguished and enriching. Mary Eileen Dobson of the National Advisory Board attended the festivities.

Alpha Nu. Installed September 2, 1931, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. *Charter members:* Sarah Baker, faculty advisor, Evelyn Bell, Evalyn Bonham, Gertrude Bonner, Mary Nancy Felts, Jane Federer, Betty Furr, Frances Matthews, Helen Schremp, Ruby Schifferdecker, Dorothy Muzzey, faculty advisor, Sara Dickey, Florence Newman, Lucille Edgar, and Bess Hallagan. Total membership in 1962: 652.

Highlight of the past thirty-one years for Alpha Nu Chapter has been the Silver Anniversary in 1956, when Nelda Crawford, Alumnæ Secretary, saluted its happy history and looked forward to further progress in the future.

Alpha Xi. Installed March 19, 1932, Wisconsin State College, Whitewater. *Charter members:* Marie Benson, Helen Brandon, Lucy Brownlee, Catherine Carey, Ferne Everhardt, Genevieve Farnham, Helen Frome, Claire Hanson, Ruth Hayner, Marie Kindsvogel, Vera Lange, Anne Nordwig, Helen Cleson, Mattie Shepard and Mollie Swarthout. Total membership in 1962: 553.

Alpha Xi's Silver Anniversary was a double celebration on May 14, 1955 honoring the Chapter's 25th year and its faithful Faculty Sponsor Marie Benson, who was retiring after a quarter of a century of distinguished service. Marilynn Schmitt Kinsella, National Vice-President, represented the Executive Council on this occasion, along with another Alpha Xi alumna, Helen Marie Eggert Snyder, Chairman of Senior Send-On, and Art Director Rachel Gabel Kyle, *Beta Alpha,* who lettered the citation for Miss Benson.

Alpha Omicron. Installed March 30, 1935, Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway. *Charter members:* Augusta Anderson, Virginia Colthorp, Josephine Dowdle, Madge Towell, Eloise Hull, Cecilia Hughes, Mildred Horton, Bonnie G. Johnson, Elizabeth Welty and Mary Margaret Mc-

Dermott. Total membership in 1962: 328.

An enthusiastic Silver Anniversary celebration was held in March, 1960, with Margaret Dixon, National President, present as guest of honor. Many charter members came for a Sigma reunion.

Alpha Pi. Installed April 27, 1935, Clarion State Teachers College, Clarion, Pennsylvania. *Charter members:* Madelin Heeter, Betty Dunne, Erdene M. Toy, Dorothy G. Harrison, Margaret Fox, Jane Brogan, Dorothy Harriger, Aida E. Hanst, Marie Trunk, Mary B. Williamson, Edna C. Driner, Amanda A. Allhouse, Ruth E. Bengston, Gladys Morrison and Veda Cotton. Total membership in 1962: 311.

Norma Kitchen, Robbie Page Memorial Chairman, conveyed the congratulations and best wishes of the Executive Council when Alpha Pi Chapter marked its Silver Anniversary in April of 1960.

Alpha Rho. Installed May 18, 1935, Lock Haven State Teachers College, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. *Charter members:* Dorothy Hamberger, Leah Kraemer, Pearl Heiges, Mary Louise Markel, Mary Ann Roberts, Ruth Burkett, Louise McEntire, Mary Elizabeth McCoy, Gretchen Dickey, Rebecca Williams, Margaret Harmon, Anne Wilson, Eleanor Wood, Clarissa Wainger, Dinney Catterson. Total membership in 1962: 236.

Celebration was in order in the spring of 1960 when Alpha Rho reached twenty-five years. Margaret Dixon, National President, shared the festive banquet as the special Executive Council guest.

Alpha Sigma. Installed May 15, 1937, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg. *Charter members:* Irene Ziarko, Frances Moore, Kitty Saunders, Margaret Herron, Pauline Bateman, Mary Emily Hanna, Margaret Snowden, Virginia Cole, Rita Jordan, Rowena Willis, Irene Woodruff, Virginia Sugg, Doris Bowman, Nancy Thompson, Mary Margaret McRaney, Bonnie Bell Saunders, Gussie Knight, Ernestine French, Cora Webb Bass, Wilkie Piggatt, Ethel Edwards, Katherine Ikerd, Sarah Alice Walker, Helen Coleman, Bernice Ingram, Faustina Willey and Maggie Lynn Willis. Total membership in 1962: 345.

In 1962 the Silver Anniversary was celebrated with Nelda Crawford representing the Executive Council. The College Panhellenic paid tribute to the first of its members to attain such a milestone.

Alpha Tau. Installed 1938, Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D.C. *Charter members:* Margaret Barringer, Ethel Summy, Carolyn Helmers, Mildred Gore, Marion Pike, Edith Barry, Hazel Beall, Bernice Bothwell, Ruth Branson, Audrey Gardineer, Vina Mae Halbert, Vera Kane, Dorothy Marlow, Evelyn Meyer, Margaret Ann Morgan. Total membership: 285. Charter withdrawn, 1954.

Alpha Upsilon. Installed May 13, 1939, Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia. *Charter members:* Mildred Abbit, Marine Aleshire, Elizabeth Anes, Agnes Arnold, Anna Gordon Barrett, Margaret Baylor, Judith Brothers, Laffette J. Carr, Amelis Clark, Margaret Clark, Dot Day, Jane Dingledine, Virginia Hall, Cecile J. Harvelle, Charlotte Heslep, Ruth Hudson, Gwendolyn Huffman, Evelyn Jefferson, Marion Killinger, Marion Lawerence, Jean Leatherman, Jean Logan, Mary Ellen MacKarsie, Polly Maniates, Elizabeth Martin, Martha McGavock, Margaret Moore, Brooks Overton, Marjorie Pills, Virginia Ramsey, Blanchard Rand, Elizabeth Rawls, Betty Sanford, Dorothy Sears, Jane Sites, Margaret Trevilian, Virginia Page Waring, Margaret Weil and Anna Wilkins. Total membership in 1962: 653.

Alpha Phi. Installed January 10, 1942, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant. *Charter members:* Betty Lou Carey, Lucie A. Black, Elma I. Lighter, Patricia O'Brien, Eugene M. Burrett, Eleanor Addy, Lucetta D. Bowler, Betty Lee Crawford, Norma Woodworth, Marjorie D. Dues, Martha J. Poling, Beverly J. Crandell, Virginia Lee Sigsbee, Mary Kay Wilson, Dorothy J. Bammer, Patricia L. Murphy and Betty Studer. Total membership in 1962: 318.

Alpha Chi. Installed January 31, 1942, Murray State College, Murray, Kentucky. *Charter members:* Alice Keys, Barbara Kettler, Clara Mae Breckenridge, Leah Williamson, Ruth Anne Bowlin, Betty Phillips, Jane Wake, Anne Howell Richmond, Martha Robertson, Betty Boyd Mabry, Clara L. Allen, Martha Low Hays, Mary Ernestine Jackson, Dollye C. McAlister, Martha Belle Hood, Louise Vey Putnam, Grace West, Kathryn Goheen, Barbara Michell, Shelby Rumph, Ruth Nall, Derexa Wiley, Betty Aken, Nell Donoho, Estelle Pickard, Grace Ashbrook and Mary Henry. Total membership in 1962: 528.

Alpha Psi. Installed February 28, 1942, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston. *Charter members:* Olive Moore Allen, Gertrude Hendrix, Betty Markel, Inez May Pinkstaff, Nancy Gay Hughes, Dorothy J. Hensen, Jean Carr Camp, Bessie M. Townsend, Jean M. Gossett, Fae Maness, Marjorie G. Treebairn, Anna J. Lumbrick, Geneva M. Weidner, Betty M. Lewis, Martha Moore, Esther B. Pinkstaff, Margaret L. Rademaker, Eleanor J. Cress, and Elizabeth L. Podesta. Total membership in 1962: 534.

Beta Alpha. Installed June 3, 1944, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. *Charter members:* Gloria Allegretti, Marilyn Anderson, Shirley Carlson, Suzanne Cowman, Betty Dysart, Jean Frederick, Rachel Jean Gabel, Marjorie Hasty, Martha Jenks, Louise Jordan, Helen Kurth, Lois Mitchell, Merle

Nagel, Joanne Rife, Virginia Romph, Doris Siegrist, Helen Tindall, Lorraine Valstorff, Marilyn Vose and Doris Wheeler. Total membership in 1962: 452.

Beta Beta. Installed April 20, 1945, Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield. *Charter members:* Neva Marie Young, Betty Swinea, Martha Grace Howell, Vada Lee Pemberton, Harriett Kathryn Sherer, Florence Baker Bugg, Margaret Susan Crighton, Billie Ann Schaller, Harriette Elizabeth Davis, Margaret Barrett Beyer, Janet Lou Wolgamott, Marjorie Jeanette Turk, Connie Whipple, Beryldene Bryson, Martha Ann Hawkins, Shirley Jacqueline Blair, Betty Jane Goodman, Martha Ann Foster, Bettie June Matlock, Olive Adele Schmid, Martha Mae McCoy, Frances Lucille Green, Marianna Davis, Emma Lou Berry, Bonnie Jean Alexander, Gloria Jean Warren, Virginia Christine Baker, Marilyn Jorgensen, Betty Anne Mahood, Bobbie Louis Sanford, Emily Patricia Scott, Barbara Camille Boyd, Wanda Eleanora Overby. Total membership in 1962: 366.

Beta Gamma. Installed April 20, 1945, Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana. *Charter members:* Helen Bales, Norma Barber, Joan Brouse, Lillis Coats, Geneva Cook, Ethel Gantz, Phillis Heidt, Laura Frances Huffman, Maribel Kern, Norma Love Hilhallin, Marilyn Lunghi, Patricia Hauller, Bronna Beth Montgomery, Lois Norton, Ellamae Owens, Mary Frances Reed, Betty Resler, Margaret Riley, Annabel Shafer, Jane Shafer, Elsia Tillet, and Virginia Tauby. Total membership in 1962: 388.

Beta Delta. Installed June 7, 1945, Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia. *Charter members:* Ruth Conrad, Elizabeth Fuss, Ann McKee, Louise Smith, Reba Lee Welshans, Frances Lewis, Eleanor Lloyd, Bett Mantz, Ruth Powell, Mary Sullivan, Betty Weller, Audreu Cosner, Pauline Lalonde, Eleanor Whitmore, Vera Stutzman. Charter withdrawn, 1948. Reinstated September 24, 1960. Total membership of 1962: 154.

National Panhellenic Conference accrediting regulations caused this group in 1948 to assume local status. Upon accreditation of the college, the group, having resumed the name of Phi Chi, did not immediately qualify for reinstatement. In 1960 the local's petition was accepted and Beta Delta was returned to the chapter roll in reinstallation ceremonies conducted by Mrs. W. M. Dunham and Mrs. C. D. Kyle.

Beta Epsilon. Installed February 16, 1946, Western Illinois University, Macomb. *Charter members:* Nadine Smith, Dorothy Wilson, Olga Kennedy, Mildred Hamilton, Virginia Johnson, Bonnie Switzer, Betty Collins, Loraine Brockhouse, Mildred Bollinger, Mildred Farnoff, Ilene Wege-

haft, Jane Williams, Eleanor Costenson, Lorraine Barnhart, Miriam Day, Catherine Bauner, Virginia Mullen, Lucile Walhaum, Betty Low Pearson, Helen Cole, Ruby Marr, Jane Gillogby, Corrine Dollarhide and Marjorie Ganson. Total membership in 1962: 383.

Beta Zeta. Installed May 4, 1946, State University of New York at Cortland, New York. *Charter members:* Florence L. Hoag, Gladys W. Hunt, Elizabeth S. Lukens, Gabrielle E. Blockley, Aileen Charlotte Roda, Dorothy Wait, Pearl Curtis, Winifred Kenneda, Dorothy T. Breen, Lydia P. Flanningan, Aubrey A. Christie, Lucy Gennett, Ellen O'Grady, Betty Rocker, Marjory Malis, Rita Eichenger, Martha Benson, Arlene Knickerbocker, Eileen Abrams, Gloria Battaglini, Norma Turnbull, Sylvia Anfinsen, Marian Kudzy, Kathryn Holbrook, Jeanette Church, Isabelle Marigo, Phyllis Seidler, Hope Seitz, Ruth Dikeman, Barbara Flanigan, Bernice Cohen, Joan McCawley, Marion Frick, Doris Deemer, Delores Hahle, Lois Woolverton, Rhea Henries, Jean Post, Mary Margaret Castle, Norma Wargo, Gloria Donlon. Total membership: 185. Charter withdrawn, 1953.

Beta Eta. Installed May 11, 1946, Henderson State College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. *Charter members:* Dora Harwood, Sena Dildy, Martha Davis, Mary Elizabeth Watts, Nellie Altha Roberts, Patricia Robinson, Norma Gilbert, Violet Ford, Lill Cox, Mary Lou Davis, Nell Allen, Laura Bolton, Charlotte Ellis, Joyce Ely, Mary Sue Haynie, Augusta McDonough, Cornelia Mellard, Mary Elizabeth Moore, Virginia Willoughby, Patricia Mabrey, Fay Jean Rinehart, Kathleen Ward, Carolyn Rhodes, Jane Rhodes. Total membership in 1962: 149.

Beta Iota. Installed April 10, 1947, Minot State Teachers College, North Dakota. *Charter members:* Eva M. Hartnett, Faculty Advisor, Gloria Klammer, Lois Josewski, Joy Kippen, Elaine Geisen, Donnalee Lissaman, Marion Grunstead, Constance Greenhalgh, Ethel Berger, Lila Orser, Demaris Halvorson, Betty Jane Harr, Kathleen Lefebvre, Alwyn Beth Foster, Deloris Payne, Gene Rakness, Maxine Mondou, Betty Jo Mann, Cecile Kvadstad, Jean Engel, Harriet Burkholder, Carole Knopple, Shirley Sosele, Lillian Sawamura, Darothea Mouratis, Bette Lou Ryan, Katherine Melland, Kathleen Bailey, Eils Mae Jennings, Donna Lyon, Donna Rodgers, Marilyn Hansen, Beverly Bwinu, Elaine Ominsky, Eunice Satermo, Helen P. Haman and Collen Keck. Total membership in 1962: 390.

Beta Theta. Installed April 22, 1949, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. *Charter members:* Mary Bartirome, Jane Barthelemy, Angela Bieno, Lorraine Bieno, Betty Grace Blank, Dolores Buggan, Loretta Chestlo, Helen Conway, Regina di Leonardo, Agnes Iglar, Olga Ivanowski, Doris Johnson, Shirley Kanaan, Mary Lazorszak, Marie Mance, Josephine Mustari,

Dorothy Ohlsson, Cora Pancereve, Ann Louise Robb, Beverly Schmitt, Helen Sheline, Angela Spadaccia, Annamae Skrak, and Salome Thomas. Total membership in 1962: 145.

Beta Kappa. Installed May 5, 1950, Arizona State University, Tempe. *Charter members:* Margaret Arnold, Betty Bartelson, Bette Blythe, Yolanda Castro, Phyllis Cox, Helen Duquette, Vivian Eubank, Beverly Fisher, Barbara Heavin, Sally Hocker, Neva Johnson, Laura Lee Longenbaugh, Jacqueline McKay, Carrie Montoya, Mattie Cooper Nelson, Betty Nelssen, Guyrene Rutherford, Marzella Sudbrook and Virginia Williams. Total membership in 1967: 178.

Beta Lambda. Installed April 29, 1950, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. *Charter members:* Marie Babbe, Carol Braetz, Edith Foster, Etta Grodsky, Mary Mink, Margaret Sullivan, Dolores Woracheck, Patricia Pierce, Goldie Anagnos, Claudia James, Marjorie Davis, Gladys Hartmann, Germaina Reimgans, Cornelia Kolakowski and Jean Germanson. Total membership in 1962: 175.

Beta Mu. Installed May 14, 1950, Central State College, Edmond, Oklahoma. *Charter members:* Nadine Campsey, Marion Dean, Roberta Jean Thrasher, Lora Joyce Petree, Mary Alice Crews, Geneva Cassingham, Cynthia Crain, Arbutus Wright Casper, Marianne Dial, Jo Ella Eldred, Julia Mae Morgan, Doris Meeks, Sanna Oldham, Marjorie Leonard, June Billington, Lou Marrs, Ann Hart, Kathryn Montgomery, Ann Davidson. Total membership in 1962: 106.

Beta Nu. Installed April 6, 1951, Fresno State College, Fresno, California. *Charter members:* Dolores Durant, Evelyn Morgans, Joan Armstrong, Della Elias, Lorena Wilson, Lorraine Rosenberger, Audrey Bonnar, Barbara Campbell, Nola Lee Danielson, Frances Eaton, Carolina Ervin, Donna Gillette, Jackie Giorgi, Marene Helms, Marilyn Hinkey, Maureen Mann, and Patricia Ryall. Total membership: 86. Charter withdrawn, 1956.

Beta Xi. Installed May 11, 1951, Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau. *Charter members:* Lucille Dede, Barbara J. Bess, Joan Lorenz, Ann Proffer, Pat Wilson, Louise Remley, Bobbye Hardin, Pamela Richards, Dorothy Meek, Edith Howe, Mary Gregary, Margaret Gregary, Jo Ann Hediger, Peggy Glenn, Judy Wasco, Eva Manche, Helen Parker, Margaret Neuman, Louise Kinder, and Nan Hurley. Total membership in 1962, 164.

Beta Pi. Installed April 5, 1952, Stout College, Menomonie, Wisconsin. *Charter members:* Phyllis Allman, Phyllis Amacher, Donna Anderson, Joyce Applegren, Mary Lou Bohrnstedt, Nancy Folkestad, Dorothy Hardies, Janet

Hardies, Nancy Hauser, Sally Hauser, Joanne Hosford, Betty Ann Kane, Mary Klaus, Catherine Mayer, Jeanette Oetting, Janice Prahl, Margaret Ramsey, Muriel Roffers, Barbara Schobacker, Phyllis Spaulding, Lois Subitch, and Janice Wurtz. Total membership in 1962: 164.

Beta Rho. Installed April 26, 1952, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. *Charter members:* Bernadine P. Carlson, Carita C. Dunbar, Joyce Boske, Jacqueline Phenix, Everil R. Meloche, Betty Ann Finch, Donna Mae Davis, Marcia Shane, Julane Jaqua, Marva Noor, Patricia Ann Ankney, Helen Miller, Gail Ann Peters, Joan Martha Dahlgren, Vicki David, Dorothy Althouse, Beverly Dygert, Lynn Ada Taylor, Sandra Gage, Patricia Johnson, Kay Foster, Barbara Marie Kay, Nancy Kauppi, Barbara Jean Polmanteer, Nancy Ann Kellerman, Gretta Pryor, Patricia Ann Kennedy, Shirley May Smith, Esther Crosby, Shirley Mae Lyons, Marguerite Stocker, Shirley Anne Yates, Viola Piper, Nancy Maynard, Laura Lewis, Frances Louise Navin. Total membership in 1962: 228.

Beta Sigma. Installed April 11, 1953, University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida. *Charter members:* Lillian DeNome, Esther Rancier, Jocelyn Cooper, Ruth Borde Brockman, Michalee Slavin, Lyla Thisse, Idamary Casey, Lalah Tims, Sylvia Suggs, Betsy Drew, Barbara Sapp, Patricia Dalsheimer, Charlotte Moctezuma, Doris Duryea, Carol King. Total membership in 1962: 96.

Beta Tau. Installed May 17, 1953, Detroit University, Detroit, Michigan. *Charter members:* Madeline Anne Hackman, Kathlyn Ruth Jensen, Virginia Maria Kirchner, Rita M. Romanski, Marijean Cooney, Doreen A. Reid, Nancy Anne Ingalls, Louise E. Casai, Elizabeth Jeanne Hogan, Maureen Anne Sullivan, Roberta Helen Malloy, Adrienne Ann Glasper, Frances Flowers, Joan Elizabeth Kosack, Patricia Anne Angyal, Anne Marie Baker, Alice Joan Cloyd, Sally Jane Heenan, Diane Louise Malooky, Anne Peltier, Joan Edith Smithers, Barbara Tear, Julie Katherine Young, Margaret Jean Jeakle. Total membership in 1962: 190.

Beta Omicron. Installed May 30, 1953, Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan. *Charter members:* Jeannette Albee, Corrine Balogh, Donna Berger, Jean Blauvelt, Frances Corcoran Spackey, Mary Cupelis, Helene Cuscutis, Helen Dale, Ann Hahn, Marilyn Hafer, Marion Johnson, Gloria Katsakis, Mary Ann Kment, Marilyn Krueger, Alice Lapitchi, Helen Martellock, Jane Miskin, Grace Mistretta, Patricia Reed, Marcia Sherman, and Mary Lou Stephenson. Total membership: 49. Charter withdrawn, 1959.

Despite the hopes and efforts of the charter members necessary growth became increasingly difficult on this campus and the charter was withdrawn in 1959.

Beta Upsilon. Installed March 26, 1954. Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania. *Charter Members:* Natalie Ashworth, Jane Baczewski, Nancy Bennett, Kathryn Bonini, Nancy Bowden, Judith Brown, Nancy Burley, Jane Cameron, Marlene Chase, Lovell Davis, Shirley Dierolf, Kathryn Fuhrer, Faye Hidinger, Jeannette Johnson, Helen Kropp, Dorothy Lacey, Marian Ludwig, Patricia Marsteller, Elenora Monroe, Joan Pollock, Ann Sarno, Joan Shillis, Joan Wagner, Jane Weaver and Gertrude Weidmann. Total membership 1962: 171.

In the spring of 1953, the Dean of Women invited Sigma Sigma Sigma to establish a chapter. Janet Mayer, Traveling Secretary, organized Tri-Vi as a colony. The next September, Patty Palmer, a transfer from Beta Beta Chapter, guided efforts to meet national standards. After working together a year as a local sorority organization, the hope of installation was realized. The chapter has been fortunate from the beginning in devoted alumnæ guidance of Ruth Marr Williams, *Nu*, and Norma Miller Graffius, *Alpha Rho*, connected with the University.

Installation ceremonies were conducted by Executive Council members, Marie Santee Dunham and Emily Lewis Lee, and other national officers and collegiates.

Beta Upsilon is housed in a University owned suite in Hibbs Hall.

Chartered as Farmers High School in 1855, the school carried several names. Called Pennsylvania State College when the colony began, the college became a university in 1953. Nationally recognized for its curriculum, the University performs unusual and valuable services for its students and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Beta Phi. Installed February 14, 1955, Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida. *Charter members:* Lillian Blanc, Carolyn Bridges, Janet Bundy, Carolyn Burt, Claire Ellis, Shirley Englert, Doris Hagers, Patricia Harlow, Helen Highsmith, Frances Kerber, Daisy Mitchell, Caroline Nelson, Alice Palmer, Myrna Reams, Eleanor Zundel, and Geralyn Lynch. Total membership in 1962: 96.

Located in the citrus belt, Florida Southern is a private college sponsored by the Methodist Church. A liberal arts school, it has the distinction of having the largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright buildings in the world.

Invited in 1954 by the College to establish a chapter, Σ Σ Σ sent Patty Palmer, transfer from Beta Beta Chapter, to organize a colony. Nancy Herring, Traveling Secretary, came in February to help with final preparations, and by Valentine's Day all was in readiness. National President Mary Hastings Page, Executive Secretary Marie Dunham, and Mabel Lee Walton, Advisory Board, assisted by Alpha Sigma and Alpha Mu collegiates, served as installation officers.

Beta Chi. Installed May 11, 1957. Queens College, Flushing, New York. *Charter members:* Anne Begala, Joan Wetterhahn, Julia Bracken, Georgiana Povolny, Carole Morreale, Barbara Bemben, Anna Bianchi, Helen Bolger, Vita Carbonara, Christine Doman, Mary Ellen Donovan, Catherine Volin, Joan Barton, Rose Marie Brennan, Linda Brown, Rosaria Dinolfo, Jeannette Doerler, Cara Dufour, Josephine LaPuma, Calliope Lefkarites, Arlene Margules, Jean McDermott, Rosemary Phillips and Susan Pulise. Total membership in 1962: 91.

Queens College, municipally controlled, was chartered in 1937, and added a graduate division in 1948. The school is administered by a board appointed by the mayor of New York City. Certain programs are offered in connection with City College and Columbia University. Requiring no tuition, the college performs a great service to the city in which it is located.

As old as the college itself, Alpha Lambda Omicron was founded in 1938 and performed creditably as a local organization with a membership that was proficient in athletics, dramatics and scholarship.

Petitioning for a chapter charter during the winter of 1957, the local was assisted by New York City alumnæ in meeting installation standards, and was installed by Mary Hastings Page, Nelda Crawford, and collegiates from nearby chapters.

Beta Psi. Installed May 24, 1957. Youngstown University, Youngstown, Ohio. *Charter Members:* Patricia Quinlan, Patty Jo O'Brien, Janice Darin, Ana Marie Shon, Dorothy Daley, Cynthia Boris, Dorothy Botak, Antoinette Carlomagno, Bernardine Clark, Martha Jane Clark, Carol Crishal, Judith Engelhardt, Dorothy Fabiny, Patricia Flynn, Kathleen Harman, JoAnne Kaschak, Gloria Katula, Loretta Liptak, JoAnn Maslen, Shirley Pavlov, Joetta Smur, Betty Lou Storey, Madalyn Sweeney, and Nancy Veauthier. Total Membership 1962: 119.

Gamma Sigma, organized first as the Topaz Club, had been a social sorority since 1928, and was, therefore, an integral part of the university life. Attracted by the similar ideals and traditions of Sigma Sigma Sigma, as explained by the National Extension Chairman, Lois Cameron Cesner, the local petitioned for charter in 1957. Assisted by the alumnæ of the Mahoning Valley Alumnæ Chapter, the group speedily met installation standards and was installed the same year by National President Margaret Dixon and Collegiate Secretary Emily Lee, assisted by national officers and collegiate chapter officers of the area.

Youngstown University is coeducational, privately controlled, and was originally chartered as an association school of the Young Men's Christian Association. Of the 36 member board of trustees, one must be a trustee of the Youngstown Y.M.C.A. Enjoying a steady growth since its founding in 1888, the university serves effectively and efficiently the citizens of the area.

Gamma Alpha. Installed November 9, 1957. University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois. *Charter members:* Louise Schultz, Dianne Kesser, Lois Jacob, Patricia Sorensen, Mary Jane Babler, Janice Hawkins, Gail Brefeld, Barbara Cable, Carol Dick, Shirley Franklin, Kay Lash, Linda Lynch, Marilyn Stephenson, Carol Swanson, Barbara Williams, Karen Yeager, and Kay Younglove. Total membership 1962: 58.

Impelled by a desire to pioneer in establishing a chapter of a national sorority, six undergraduates formed an organization in February of 1957, and elected officers. Informal meetings had been held the semester before under the guidance of Linda Ishmael, *Alpha Iota,* transfer graduate student. The immediate goal was to increase membership. Parallel with the membership movement was one to secure a house, a necessity for any sorority on this campus. In June of that year, the group participated in formal rush and was pledged by the neighboring Alpha Nu chapter. Assisted by Fran Redmon, *Alpha Nu,* transfer student, the culmination of all the work and hopes and dreams of the charter group was in the installation of the chapter in November. Ceremonies were conducted by the National President, Margaret Dixon, assisted by Marie Dunham, Mary Hastings Page, and Mary Eileen Dobson of the Executive Council, and a team of other national officers and collegiate members.

A land grant institution, the University of Illinois was opened in 1868 with 50 students. It now serves some 24,000 in a physical plant that covers over 5,000 acres. Under the leadership of President David Dodds Henry who took office in 1955, the University operates under the three-fold pattern of education, research and service. Degrees are offered in a variety of fields ranging from literature and the arts through classical and scientific studies to agriculture and military science.

Gamma Beta. Installed February 5, 1960. East Carolina College, Greenville, North Carolina. *Charter Members:* Alice Bailey, Betty Thomas, Shirley Holt, Betty Faye Moore, Charlotte Crews, Betty Allen, Janet Arnold, Barbara Bailey, Elizabeth Baker, Judith Corbett, Martha Ann Davis, Janet Fansler, Sandra Griffin, Judy Haley, Penny Hamilton, Judith Henderson, Dorothy Jones, Nancy Jones, Geraldine Kennedy, Theresa McDaniel, Sue McPhatter, Joyce Meads, Betty Milton, Alice Sauls, Brookie Barbour Singletary, Sarah Jo Stanley, Gayle Swinson, Ellen Wilson, and Susan Wylie. Total Membership 1962: 70.

Just as the national sorority was founded by the sincere friendship of a group of collegiates, so was the local sorority that became Gamma Beta chapter. Pioneering to provide national sororities for their college, 12 young women organized Kappa Phi Epsilon. Seven other similar organizations followed with the result that all eight of the local sororities were granted charters by National Panhellenic Conference fraternities and were installed the same weekend. Tri Σ installing officers were Emily Lee, Alumnæ

Secretary, who had pledged the group, and Mary Hastings Page, N.P.C. Delegate, and a team of Tri Sigmas.

Located in a town of 20,000 population, East Carolina College provides both teacher education and liberal arts courses to men and women of North Carolina. The college is state controlled, and is highly accredited. Chartered in 1907, the college provides undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

Gamma Beta has been fortunate to have the devoted counsel of Virginia Waring Minges, *Alpha Upsilon.* In the brief time as a chapter, Gamma Betas have enjoyed a visit to the Robbie Page Children's Room at North Carolina Memorial, and have purchased a spacious "home away from home."

Gamma Gamma. Installed September 29, 1960. California State College, California, Pennsylvania. *Charter members:* Maryann Kaduk, Shirley James, Rebecca Furman, Linda Dixon, Patricia Gall, Andrey Bercosky, Marjorie Bernard, Jane Coatsworth, Sandra Crumrine, Susan Currie, Diane DeRocco, Kathryn Dzyak, Constance Fedeli, Shirley Hartford, Joanne Horvath, Myra Irose, Kathleen Klein, Joyce Masciantonio, Joanne Maund, Anna Murphy, Helen Grace Petrilla, Mary Lee Prostko, Mary Kay Ramage, Ruth Anne Sabol, Susannah Salvi, Agnes Solomotis, Beryl Stanford, Betty Toth, Mariem Voithofer, Carol Ann Wagner, Barbara Werlwas, Diana Westcoat, and Margaret Wick. Total membership 1962: 56.

Gamma Pi Chi Sorority was organized in 1928 with aims of friendship, sociability and servce. As the oldest social organization for women on campus, it fulfilled its purposes through high scholastic performance, sponsoring of varied events for the college, and carrying on a program of social service. Similarity in ideals and aims attracted the local sorority to Sigma Sigma Sigma and it soon petitioned for a charter. Formal pledging by Lambda chapter followed on May 22, 1960. Months of anticipation were climaxed that fall with installation ceremonies conducted by Mrs. W. M. Dunham.

Established as an academy in 1852, the college was officially recognized by the state in 1874 and became a normal school. Its name was changed to California State Teachers College in 1929, later changed again. Located in the charming mountain village of California, the college has grown steadily.

Gamma Delta. Installed May 13, 1961, Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan. *Charter members:* Sue Aldrich, Judith Allen, Sally Boerner, Jane Campbell, Elizabeth Carrier, Phyliss Daisher, Sharon Doeringer, Janette Farrow, Bonnie Galloway, Kathryn Gies, Lora Guthrie, Barbara Hall, Amy Hohn, Holly Howson, Christine Howlett, Eberly Layton, Patricia Marks, Nancy McGinnis, Myrna Palmer, Joyce Redd, Evelyn Schwartz, Jane Skeen, Ann Sullivan, Kathleen Sutliff, Arlene Swaney, Carole Taylor, Judy Weber, Sandra Wilson, Phyliss Witkowski, Mary Yape, Sue Zimmer-

man, Sandra Zobb, and Evelyn Bleam, Carolyn Doelle, Dona Jean Frederick, Carolyn Hinsman, Eleanor Holdsworth, Bonnie Lou Smith, Lynette Sweet, Gwendolyn Ziegelbaur. Total membership in 1962: 44.

Gamma Delta chapter had its origin in Chi Psi Omega, the oldest local sorority on Adrian's campus. It was founded in 1946 by a group of seven girls who believed that the college needed a social organization for women. In the fall of 1960, the Chi Psis through Mrs. Denis Kitchen, National Robbie Page Memorial Chairman, became acquainted with Sigma Sigma Sigma and in December filed a petition which was approved late in January. Mary Hastings Holloway Page was the Installing Officer, assisted by Marilynn Schmitt Kinsella, and a team of national chairmen and collegiates.

Adrian College is a four-year liberal arts college, founded over 100 years ago on March 28, 1959. It is located on 60 acres of land and has attracted support of leading citizens in its expanding program.

Gamma Epsilon. Installed May 12, 1961. Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. *Charter members:* Sarah Toelle, Judith Albi, Dolores Balkovetz, Catherine Connors, Margaret Gallee, Ann Garvey, Mary Jeanne Jones, Karen Kneifl, Suellyn Liechti, Brenda Michael, Mary Ann Newman, Leonella Reinpold, Susan Schlentz, Patricia Ann Tice, Dorothy Topf, Carolyn Vinduska, Janice Vitzthum, Mary Whelan and Mary Katherine Wolpert. Total Membership 1962: 23.

Realizing the need for an additional sorority, the Dean of Women organized "New Greeks" early in the school year of 1961. To achieve affiliation with a national sorority, the group cooperated in developing a sound program. In the spring a petition was sent to Sigma Sigma Sigma, and after investigation by national representatives and the local alumnæ chapter it was accepted. There followed weeks of intensive study to be ready for installation in late May. The chapter was immediately introduced to the University campus through Greek Day activities in which Tri Sigma won the game trophy. Omaha alumnæ who staff the Advisory Board and work patiently with Gamma Epsilon aid the chapter to build well for the future.

Creighton University was established in 1878, and has grown from a small college and preparatory school to its present stature. With a large endowment left by the Creighton brothers, instrumental in linking the East and the West through the telegraph, education for thousands without tuition was provided until the 1920's.

Gamma Zeta. Installed October 7, 1961. Slippery Rock State College, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. *Charter members:* Joyce Hertler, Margaret Sekora, Judith Currie, Mary Kalmeyer, Charlene French, Nancy Albert, Janet Bailie, Barbara Beal, Merrilee Betka, Jeannie Boggs, Joyce Burket, Barbara Gangone, Carol Gessner, Marcie Haynos, Nancy Ann Kemsey,

Barbara Kimes, Eileen Myers, Patricia Anne Muniz, Julianna Pache, Bernice Rak, Elaine Rorabaugh, Tina Rosenquist, Sandra Scurle, Doris Sherman, Mary Sherwood, Jane Simpson, Patricia Skinner, Ann Stinson, Carol Stonis and Geraldine Susa. Total membership 1962: 31.

When the college administration agreed that sororities would be beneficial to the campus, several local groups were formed in 1960, among them Lambda Chi Rho, which took the lead in bringing a national sorority to Slippery Rock. As its purpose Lambda Chi Rho pledged service to the school and community; the fostering of charity, cooperation, and companionship.

With national affiliation as its goal, the local concentrated on working together. After petitioning Sigma Sigma Sigma for a charter, the group was inspected by Barbara Lyon, Traveling Secretary, who assisted with rush and organizational details. Hard work and study through the summer were rewarded with installation in early fall with Marie Dunham, Executive Secretary, and Janet Medwid conducting the ceremonies, assisted by collegiate members from Lambda, Alpha Pi and Alpha Delta chapters.

Slippery Rock State College is a part of Pennsylvania's system of state colleges that emphasizes teacher education. Situated in the village of Slippery Rock near Pittsburgh, the modern college plant is spread over 115 acres, and is equipped with excellent library and laboratory equipment.

Gamma Eta. Installed January 27, 1962. Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana. *Charter members:* Vicki Clare Hanford, Mary Krupa, Carol Radosti, Giselda Dill, Diane Juneau, Yvette Ducote, Candace Bordges, Ann Buchler, Carolyn Carriere, Suzanne Casey, Joan Cotton, Margaret Crisham, Sandra Davis, Kathleen Donellan, Ruth Falcon, Linton Friedman, Margaret Ganucheau, Renee Glindmeyer, Verna Guenther, Nancy Guibault, Wanda Haight, Margaret Hallaron, Gwen Hardouin, Bonnie Hattier, Rose Himmaugh, Karen Keily, Paula King, Sheila King, Veronica Lagarde, Linda Lightcap, Frances Dee McCarthy, Kathleen McCulloch, Patricia McGinnis, Judith Moore, Anne Morvant, Constance Pappas, Gloria Parreco, Kathleen Pepper, Dawleen Pezold, Jacquelyn Rinderle, Gaye Saucier, Jacqueline Scofield, Carol Vidacovich and Marilyn Vidacovich. Total membership 1962: 55.

Beta Alpha Epsilon was a well organized local sorority that had celebrated its tenth anniversary when the members decided to petition Tri Sigma for a national charter. Alpha Sigma Chapter and New Orleans alumnæ assisted the local in petitioning in the summer of 1961 and later in qualifying for installation early in 1962. The National President, Margaret Dixon, was installing officer, assisted by national officers Marie Dunham, Mildred Morrison, Elizabeth Gore, Melissa Potter, and a team of collegiates from Rho, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Mu, Alpha Zeta, and Beta Phi.

Loyola University developed from the College of the Immaculate Conception founded in 1849. It was charted as Loyola University in 1912, and has developed from a community institution to one that serves young men and women from all over the United States. The University operates an amateur radio station and participates in the International Exchange Program. Located in the heart of New Orleans, the campus occupies 17 acres.

Gamma Theta. Installed April 28, 1962. Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois. *Charter members:* Lynette Barbara Ammann, Betty Ann Anderson, Mary Jane Arnold, Ellen M. Ansorge, Judith Anne Baldwin, Phyllis Ann Batten, Patricia Ann Bosch, Maureen Ann Byrne, Jeanne Elizabeth Shirley, Sara Meade DeYoung, Patricia Ann Fields, Queenie Elaine Gitcho, Dorothy Cornelia Goldstein, Karen Lee Gundel, Bonitta Linnea Marks, Martha Louise Moul, Rita Ruth Rohrer, Margaret Ann Ruge, Bonnie Gayle Spinney, Jayne Ethel Stearn, Carol Jean Stoner, Karen Irene Trapp, Constance Louise Van Buskirk, Carol Emma Wallenfeldt, Theresa Frances Wirth. Total membership 1962: 28.

In 1960 the Σ Σ Σ Colony was formed by transfer student, Lynn Shriver, *Alpha Psi.* After steadfast effort the group qualified two years later for installation, conducted by national officers Marilynn Kinsella, Rachel Kyle, and Lila Hoff, assisted by Margery Nelson, Joan Krivacek, and collegiates from Alpha Lambda, Alpha Nu, and Beta Epsilon.

Founded in 1897 Bradley Polytechnic Institute was endowed as a family memorial by Mrs. Tobias S. Bradley. It is located in Peoria, Illinois, midway between Chicago and St. Louis, overlooking the Illinois River valley. In 1920 it developed a four year college program, and in 1945 changed its name to Bradley University when graduate study was added to the curriculum.

The confidence, hope, cheer and pride evidenced by the Chapter Historians in their records should be a constant inspiration to all in Sigma Sigma Sigma and cause us to write courageously as our last words to this chapter those that have always inspired us: "Go onward, Sigma."

CHAPTER TWENTY

Alumnae Chapters

Still to ourselves in every place consigned
Our own felicity we make or find
—SAMUEL JOHNSON

ALUMNÆ LIFE after leaving the college chapter is by far the longest part of membership in Sigma Sigma Sigma. Alumnæ associations carry onward ties of sisterhood and those who continue active know how far reaching is this living bond of the Sorority.

In covering the history of the alumnæ chapters, it is impossible in this volume to describe in any detail the interesting variety of local activities of each chapter or its outstanding members. Because reference has already been made earlier to the development of the national alumnæ department and its work with and for the Sorority's alumnæ, this section attempts only to list the alumnæ chapters that have been given recognition by Sigma Sigma Sigma national charter. Chapters are listed in alphabetical order by states:

Note: In the *Supplement* only those alumnæ chapters chartered after 1953 are listed:

Greater Little Rock, Arkansas. Chartered April 29, 1960, with these members: Anne Henigan Threet, Lena Crain Cotton, Margaret Hargrave Laster, Janice Orr Brown, Cloreda Price Shannon, Lentese Cotton Adams, Sue Ella Brown Bass, Virginia Hughes Hall, Mary Lou Johnson Tramell, Elizabeth Payne Bramlett, Virginia Colthays Richards, Billy Rhodes Henry, Iris Erion Holobar, Lou Mikees Calhoun, all of A O; Margaret Les Hamilton Hill, Cecile Whitfield Bradley, of N; and Marion Kemp, Barbara Cooley and Virginia Swann, B H.

Southwest Los Angeles, California. Chartered May 28, 1959, with these members: Dorothea Helen Paul Logan, A Δ; Lorna Elizabeth Crowley Rogers, T; Mary Rezek Suk, B Π; Suzanne Ayres Garner Leggett, A; Marion Thompson Upson, O; Eileen Spencer Schafer, A Ξ; Kathleen Custer Chipman, A Γ; Daisy Yee Chan, B K; Jean Blake Coulter, K; Esther Rancier and Isabell Edith Lord, B Σ.

Orange County, California. Chartered May 1, 1961, with these members: Oretha Bailey Powell, K; Betty Conrad Tiefinthaler, B Π; Shirley Moore Mauldin, O; Nancy Ament Wagoner, B B; Ruth Morris Beamer, Λ; Claragene Johnston, Π; Nancy Zimmerman Bloom, A Π; Erica Freeman, I; Janice Kim, A P; and Jore Carlisle.

Washington Suburban. Chartered April 16, 1954, as the Arlington, Virginia Chapter, with these members: Collen Calvert Miller, Anna Lee Bowman Coffman, Elizabeth C. Peters, Elizabeth Brown Preston, C. Wailes Darby and Joanne Craig Cook, all of A Y. Mary Jane Lynch, A B, and Betty Bryant Kubulak, Z, soon joined the group.

Broward County, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Chartered February 1, 1962, with the following members: Dorothy Hodgdon Bartholomew, Willard Carter McWilliams, Emily McDougal Hunsaker, M; Anneke Sherrill Deuschle, B Z; Judith Gail Napier, Ψ; Mary Lou Barela, T; Jane E. Groth, B K; Lois Geweke Brickhouse, B A; Lucille Blackwood Good, Φ; and Wanda Clements Brown, N.

Jacksonville, Florida. Chartered September 3, 1960, with these members: Eloise Marks Graves, Leah Davis Merrett, Louise Ferguson Seevald, Emily H. Atkins, Athena K. Kapnias, Lydia Craig O'Neall, Majorie Anderson Doran, Parke Davis Jervis, Marie Certain Williams, Helen Clyatt DeVane, all of P; and Hortense V. Porter, A I.

Lakeland, Florida. Chartered January 25, 1955, with these members: Lucretia Colton, Susie Spires Johns, Mary Elsie Gates Leahy, Maude Hampton Crews, Frances Baker McAllister, Margaret Beatty Kibler, Jeanette Strickland Weaver, Warrene Huntley Fugitt, Myrtle Montz Ewell, Margaret Ewell Decker, Lenora Gruel McClurg, Nola Wilson VanTassel, all of B Φ; Josephine Ganson Burr, Anita Coile Highnam, Martha Bell Pollard, all K; Pauline Burright Edwards, Leila Underhill Fitch, Virginia Boynton Oates, Sue White Stanley, all P; Juanita Leach Anderson, A A; and Mildred Springer Ibberson, A B.

Atlanta, Georgia. Chartered June 17, 1959, with these members: Barbara Tamplen Janeway and Jean McRae Plummer, B Σ; Susan Sanoica Kjeldsen, B A; Joyce Gaylor Little, Beverly Canestoro Motter, B Z; Nancy Bennett Kunberger, B Φ; Doris Wilson Tuck, P; Annette Jones Stubbs, A Δ; Helen Davis Sowell, A Y; and Nancy Ketchum Williams, Ψ.

Bloomingon-Normal, Illinois. Chartered March 15, 1962, with these members: Carolyn Ogden Bowes, A E; Martha Reinhard Frazier, M; Bes-

sie Dixon Hackett, A Ξ; Martha Jane Adams Kohn, Ψ; Susan Gordon Price, B B; Carol Ann Burgard Bess, Donna Spencer Gudeman, Doris Ann Galloway Mitchell, all B E; Carolyn Miller Fischer, Betty Ann Smith Frisch, Janice Kay Ricchiardi Jackson, Vicki Sharpe Koehn, Georgia Herrington Mullikin, Neoma Johnson Sunderland, all A Ψ.

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. Chartered on September 9, 1953. The original charter was lost; it was re-issued April 4, 1959, with these members: Frances Wilhelm Redmon, Nancy Hanson Coleman, Faye Keller Harris, and Louise VanMatre Turpin, A N; Marilyn Macy Davis, Mildred Seaman Wallace, and Jo Ridley Corley, A Ψ; Linda Lynch Strasma, Γ A; and Louisa Roudebush Replogle and Nancy Coultas Reinertsen, B E.

Chicago Suburban South, Illinois. Chartered December 1, 1959, with these members: Gayle Frame Wheaton, Carol Ziegler, Arlene Hodgson Kuhn, Joan Murphy Schlicher, Donna Ricchiardi, Barbara Wolff, A Ψ; Dolores Kunst Montman, Betty Rudin Seidel, B A; Barbara Joan Jemison Avissant, Sara Sargent Jemison, B E; Mary Milligan Fitzpatrick, A Ξ; and Mary Carter Kias, A N.

Elmhurst Area, Illinois. Chartered October 24, 1961, with these members: Margery Gabel Nelson, Joan Talman Krivacek, Judy Collins Strokes, Joyce Pusch, Joyce Butts Melin, Dale Anderson Meath, Elaine Epperson McConnell, Norma Beuter Larson, all B A; Nancy May Saukkamp, A X; Patricia Dey Cuendet, Judie Merz Carter, A N; Marion Voegeli Taylor, A Ξ; Virginia Solenberger Hickman, A Δ; Kay Nelson Sprehe, A Ψ; Joan Johnston Wayman, K; Barbara Carroll Ernst, O. Soon joining the chapter were Barbara Middleton Lowry, B B; Nadine Gay Burkey, M; Eleanor Holdsworth, Γ Δ; and Jayne Stearn, Γ Θ.

Madison-St. Clair Counties, Illinois. Chartered December 1, 1961, with these members: Barbara Furst Smoltz, Susie Miller, Betty Barry, Suzanne Harding Heitman, Joann Ranek Reilly, Susie Short Fizer, Nora Langreder, Marilynn Hope Berry, all A N; Carol Crane Korsting, B B; Barbara Seifried Houston, A Ψ; and Mary McDonald Lancaster, B E.

Peoria, Illinois. Chartered February 1, 1960, with these members: Mary Jane Barthelemy Taylor, B Θ; Wyona Gardner Luse, Φ; Lucille Dede Cole, B Z; Marilou Gebauer Torre, A X; Norma Thomas Drummond, A Ψ; Mary Anne McClure Prichard, B A; Farlene Green Clayton, Donna Negley Vroman, Margery Smith Hutson, Georgia Lynn Gardner, Shirley Barker Beechamp, Marijean Pelini Brown, and Janet Latimer, all B E.

Springfield, Illinois. Chartered September 1, 1958, as the Central Illinois Alumnæ Chapter with these members: Joan Ashcraft Ginalick, Carole Jean Johnson, Lucile Walbaum Johnson, Patricia Fulton Long, Judy Schewe Nelch, Mary Lou Petefish Newell, Barbara Brownlee Nicholas, and Betty Ann Yancy Price, B E; Ruth Matheney Hildenbrand, Jo Anne Johnson, and Sara Blandin Ratterree, A Ψ.

Wheaton-Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Chartered December 1, 1959, with these members: Glenna Kilgore, Hazel Glaser Sasko, Doris Richardson Jenks, and Marilyn Sherman Morgan, B A; Betty Hardaker Rons, Jo Anne Christiansen Yaeker, and Helen Foxen Bessert, A Ξ; Jean Marie Dean Graver, A Y; Gloria Maun Maynard, A; and Marian Gossett Miller, A Ψ. Members soon were Roberta Black Larson, Mary Ellen Schlenk Small, Genevieve Tompson A Ξ; Marion Dopke, B Λ; and Florence Anderson Biesemeyer, X.

Calumet Area, Indiana. Chartered September 1, 1955, with these members: Helen Piersol Goodpasture, A H; Zoe Liming Frazier, Φ; Martha George Brenock, A B; Patricia Coppess Lemster, B A; Mildred Sneed Mason, M; Phyllis Combs Leet, and Jean Martine, A E; Lou Sichling Rogers, A N; Judith Quint Carroll, K; and Ena Marie Rush Stahley, B P.

Indianapolis-Suburban Indiana. Chartered May 24, 1960, with these members: Jane E. Mitchell, A Ψ; Avis Murrell Woods, A E; Helen Sharret Shull, Vera Brooks Basseggio, Sue Anderson Arvidson, Alice LeGras Snider, Katherine E. Morlock, Patricia Arthur Egler, Judith Krieg Marsh, Gwendolyn Rice Ohmit, and Carolyn Suiter Jenkins, all B Γ.

Alumnæ in Indianapolis were first granted a charter in 1928, when Alpha Eta chapter was installed, and were reorganized in 1949.

Ames, Iowa. Chartered June 6, 1952, with these members: Martha Bamble, Marilyn Anderson, A E; Lois Reeder Hartzell, A P; Margaret Lacey Smith Paddock, I; Martha Husted Thomas, Barbara Keen Zimmack, and Jean Vail, A Ψ.

Kansas City Suburban, Kansas. Chartered August 24, 1959, with these members: Nancy L. Howe, Donna Lee Ross Fuller, X; Janice Etter Hammers, Marcia Welch Raines, N; Carol Clark Crawford, A Z; Evelyn Bone Bennett, K; Marilyn Pugh Hiesterman, Patricia McClanahan Wall, Kerin Bader Denning, Janet Slocombe Parker, Beverly Springer Thomas, Phyllis Wilson Prisock, and Hazel Wilhite Wood, all Π.

Louisville, Kentucky. Chartered April 23, 1954, with these members: Verna Ligg Rossi, A N; Jean Leeth Veal, Gail Fox MacLean, A X; Alice Lutes Lowry, Ψ; and Ida Rowley Dunbar, A O.

Lake Charles, Louisiana. Chartered on December 15, 1953, this chapter was reorganized in April, 1960, by the following: Alice Hulls Andreyk, Jan Fuqua Meyers, Mary Edna Adams Brossette, Mifanwy Brister Hart, Joan Cochran Hess, Alice Adams Fanta, Betty Tilleux Breaux, Lora Lowrey Mount, Billie Faye Adams Spencer, Elva Grisham Groves, all A Z; Elizabeth Underwood Carter, Patricia Gibson Loup, Georgia Patterson Gibson, Ellen Scally, Jean Guillory, Aline Jackson Smith, all A M.

Adrian, Michigan. Chartered June 1, 1962, with these members: Grace Rawson Sherman and Frances McIntyre Sowers, O; Frances Guido Kujda, B O; Anne Jackson Buskirk, Kathryn Gray Goldsmith, Sally Lancaster Mack, Louise Barnard Mobus, Kathryn Wood Moehl, Geneva Griffith Nixon, Ellarie Sherman Roberts, Bonnie Lou Cone Smith, Lucille Root Tuttle, Dona Jean Stiner Frederick, Catherine Kensinger Smith, Evelyn Berry Bleam, and Lynette Proffitt Sweet, all Γ Δ.

Battle Creek, Michigan. Chartered January 8, 1958, with these members: Susan Schaefer Day, A Φ; Frances Purser, Nancy Hoffius, Shirley Yates Edington, Nancy Kellerman Robinson, Marguerite Stocker Eagles, Shirley M. Smith, Jane Bowen, Nancy Willnow Anderson, and Kathryn Reid Henkel, all B P.

Detroit Suburban Southwest, Michigan. Chartered April 14, 1961, with these members: Beverly Eddy, Patricia Glass Long, Ardith J. Klouse, A Φ; Michaeline Milewski Hargan, Cecil Valley Pretty, Elizabeth Worsfold Taylor, Shirley Nepodal Kallay, O; Barbara Lyke Toupin, Joyce Boske Hansen, B P; and Mary McWilliams Meredith, A Λ.

Detroit Suburban University Area, Michigan. Chartered May 24, 1960, with these members: Madeline Hackman Willard, Rose Marie MacPherson, Patricia Cooney, Phyllis McGrath Hughes, Patricia Dolan O'Leary, Kay Clifford, Pat Hurst, Kathie Slevin, Liz Freeman, Joan Kenwell, Martha Keller, Jane Cullen, Kaye Regan Nahrgang, E. Anne Glueckert and Coletta Sherk Teifke, all of B T.

Flint, Michigan. Chartered November 14, 1961, with these members: Muriel Schelawske White, Gladys Kollin Ireland, Beverly Borka McKenna, O; Patricia Barner Santee, Joan Miller Olszewski, Donna Jensen Powell, Jean Hornbaker, A Φ; Vause Smith Carlsen, Ψ; Nancy Partee Boehm, B P; and Ann Von Gunten Roof, K.

Kalamazoo, Michigan. Chartered March 28, 1955, with these members: Carol Pavlick Hamill, Marguerite Stocker, Julane Jaqua George, Mary Jane

McGars Drilling, Nancy Kauppi Saunders, Elizabeth Gloor, and Shirley Yates Edington, B P; Dorothy Poole Petersen, B A; Peggy Stouck Petrucci, A P; Marilyn Schlutt, A Φ; and Joan Turnock DeGraff, B Γ.

Twin Cities, Minnesota. Chartered May 29, 1957, with these members: Betty Bernet Adams, A Λ; Carol Jean Harrin Craig, A O; Edna Ahlgrim Holler, A Π; Shirley Titus Hindley, A Δ; Dorothy McIlree Miller, A T; Mabel Blaik Newcombe, K; and Mildred Marie Duff Weld, A Ξ.

Independence, Missouri. Chartered February 4, 1958, with these members: Ann Lewis Dennis, Margaret Crawford Halliburton, Bernice Tidswell White, Ruby Kreisler Kramer, Nancy Lewis Binninger, and Elaine Danforth Bell, N; Jane Cassady Dehau and Waunita Riley Moore, B B; Helen Mundell Morgan, A E; and Beulah Adamson Ellington, I.

St. Louis Suburban South, Missouri. Chartered May 15, 1962, with these members: Helen Krebs Maddox, O; Donna Hamic Lux, A M; Patti Nickles Ellis, and Grace Porter Larson, B B; Pamela Richards Webb, B Ξ; Rooney McCarthy Ramsey, A N; Lucita Green Perrin, M; Shirley Hedley Nold, N; Elizabeth Ann Ellis, A X; Evelyn Bone Bennett, K; Alice Andrews Jacobson, Evelyn Niehous Hitchens, and Lucille Liebmann Jacobs, A Λ.

St. Louis Suburban North, Missouri. Chartered June 1, 1962, with these members: Carol Chapman Holman, N; June Tibbets Kolb, A X; Helen Gray Kattelmann, Challen Cody Koch, Alice Mourer Maurer, Beverly Jewson Haze, Mary Berhorst, Bette Teeney Constantin, Carolyn Mohrman Wencker, and Betty Klaric Grbcich, A Λ.

Omaha, Nebraska. Chartered February 23, 1954, with these members: Lauranel Wilson Agee, N; Nell Currie Chew, Ξ; Shirley Wilson McKimmey, I; Lulu Durland Nelson, M; Gwen Gaines Dunbar, T; Betty Gay Andrews, Lois Erickson Bishop, Ilene Walkup Emerson, Doris Hiles Tabor, Barbara Lett Ricklefs, Betty Chandler Walter, A E.

Northern New Jersey. Chartered November 11, 1961, with these members: Ann Giesen Litton, A Θ; Betty Myers O'Brien, Dana Cox Quarles, A K; Nancy Deaton Jones, A; Helen Preisch Armstrong, Virginia Whetstone McCrush, Jean Fraser Walton, Ruth Mackie Dowling, Z; Clara Nissen Satchell, A Y; Toby Coonrod Shugart, B E; Barbara Johnson Gustafson, A T; Doris Jeffries Sabota, Dolores Chelko Bates, Kathleen A. Dunn, Λ; Dorothy Muir Horrigan, Ψ; Dorothy Truax Parkinson, A Δ.

Syracuse, New York. Chartered Founders Day, 1961, with these members: Marcia McGuire Stefanik, Shirley MacLacklane Walsh, Dorothy Van

Patton Mayer, Marie Cole Collins, Irene Powers Brooks, Z; Joanne Dewey Payne, K; Mary Megna Kenney, A N; Bonnie Switzer Huber, B E; Jean Maynard Melldam, Mary Farrell Dowd, Jane Gus Armstrong, Mary Walshe Percy, Joan Shaughosy Walsh, Dorothy Burgess Baker, B Z.

Chapel Hill (Triangle), North Carolina. Chartered 1957 with these members: Margaret Moore, A Y; Kathryn Coppedge Parks, A Θ; Charlotte Jones Greenbaum, A; Ann Hooper Kimrey, Ψ; Lucille Robertson Wilson, Ruth Robertson Sermon, N.

Edmond, Oklahoma. Chartered on November 11, 1961, with these members: Herwanna Becker Barnard, Cay Carol Chinn, Shirley Lupton, Zae Helms Knight, Roberta Miller, Juanel Bash, Peggy Alexander, Mary Jo Jones, Doris Girty Prichard, Loretta Collinsworth, Lora Hopkins Petree, all B M; and Eleanor Phelps Handley, M.

Tulsa-Tuloma, Oklahoma. Chartered April 1, 1958, with these members: Clara Wickett Grove, Sandra Garrison Evans, Darlene Maltsberger, Shirley Moore, Sally Kirk, Sonnia Dresia Mahar, Wilma Doris Stewart Willis, Sonya Hively Johnson, Charlotte Davis Carlisle, Patricia Emerson Miner, Bonnie Arnold Hightower, Marieta Beasley Burbridge, Mary Mable Rutherford Street, Helen Williams Burbage, Imogene Hairell Harris, Jean Baker Crawford, Linda Lee Ishmael, Johnann Leforce, Doris Jean Bridges Short, Nella Maude Short Martin, and Billie Bess Satterfield Alexander, all A I.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Chartered February 24, 1961, with these members: Sylvia Breneman Havens, Elizabeth Sweatland Silver, Patricia Graham Shirkness, Jeanette Johnson Bowser, Maud Gay Mack, B Y; Norma Anderson Christiansen, Mary Newman Pfeifer, Barbara Linnekin Scout, Laura Reed Breneman, A Δ; and Gladys Raines Lentz, Z.

Seattle, Washington. Chartered October 27, 1961, with these members: Gail Fox MacLean, A X; Lucille Law Purkey, I; Jewel Mason Wood, Lucy Russell Krasowsky, Σ; Mary Burns Molohon, Ξ; Marlene Deines Connell, A Γ; Mabel Heaton Patterson, Ψ; Betty Hemdal Migliore, B Γ; Polly Lou Bell Whitman, X; Maurine Schwarm Carr, Π; Clara Hogan Taylor, Z; Ramona Nordwall Bryan, A I. Originally chartered April 16, 1954.

Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Re-chartered November 14, 1960, when Beta Delta Chapter was re-instated, with these members: Katharine Thompson Rexrode, Geraldine James Maddex, Ruth Power Thacher, Tabitha

Iliff Carter, Edna Mason Snyder, Dorothy Myers Eye, Marion S. Moore, Anne Hill Egle, Beatrice Souder Carpenter, Joyce E. Holden, and Dorothy R. Boltz, B Δ.

Janesville, Wisconsin. Chartered September 1, 1959, with these members: Sally Knaak Albert, Jolene Shields Gilbertson, Betty Schmeling Anderson, Alice Brummond Brown, Judith Kubite Colling, Carleen Ayers Steen, Patricia Loveland Westby, Marjorie Wittenberg Leffin, Phyllis Van Schyndel Gabrielson, and Claudine Winnie Hammarlund, all A Ξ.

Madison, Wisconsin. Chartered May 15, 1961, with these members: Bette Krueger Nevil, Virginia Wilken Douglas, Patricia Birmingham Emmer, Joanne Larson, Joyce Arnold Kennedy, Jean Watson Clausen, Betty Doyle Fahay, Alice Ghering Dillman, Effie Ann Bark, all A Ξ; Joan Bauerfeind Knuth, Joanne Accola, B Λ; Carol Hale Wendt, Betty Kane O'Donnell, B Π; Elaine Kuidera Ruckardt, B E.

Menomonie, Wisconsin. Chartered March 8, 1958, with these members: Barbara Austin Gosh, Ruth Winter Vogtsberger, Celia Fritz Lausted, Leona Novy, Althea Schroeder Lentz, Janice Wurtz Olson, Mary Katharina Williams, Caroline Yentz Kasel, and Rosemary Kelley Lynch, B Π; Delores Poserik Miller, B Λ; and Jeanne Diefenbach Salyer, A B.

Racine, Wisconsin. Chartered November 27, 1960, with these members: Jean Dammann, Patricia Webb Wheeler, Kathryn Valaskey Fetherston, Gwen Ramsdell Herbst, Patricia Tripp Froelke, Patricia Honohan, Leah Richter Mullane, Janice Bjerning Monfeli, all A Ξ; Pauline Gordon Chamberlain, I; Patricia Browe Lamke, B Π; Arlene Strasburg Schulz, B Λ; Nancy Myer Olley, A I; and Gloria Urness Myhra, B I.

Waukesha, Wisconsin. Chartered August 1, 1961, with these members: Gladys Gunther Sutherland, Helen N. Anderson, Geraldine Schmidt Polley, Lois Cuby Boebel, Carol Krumdick Wieseler, Harriette Shade Kennedy, and Dorothy Boyd Spencer, all A Ξ. Valerie Bendix Black, A Z; Nancy Miller, and Faye Horn Doyle, B Λ.

APPENDIX

Sigma Sigma Sigma National Conventions

(Since 1953)

1956—Estes Park, Colorado	24th Triennial Convention
1959—St. Louis, Missouri	25th "
1962—Biloxi, Mississippi	26th "

College Chapter Roll

(Chartered since 1953)

1954. *Beta Upsilon,* Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.

1955. *Beta Phi,* Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida.

1957. *Beta Chi,* Queens College, Flushing, New York.

1957. *Beta Psi,* Youngstown University, Youngstown, Ohio.

1957. *Gamma Alpha,* University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois.

1959. *Gamma Beta,* East Carolina College, Greenville, North Carolina.

1960. *Gamma Gamma,* State College, California, Pennsylvania.

1960. *Gamma Delta,* Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

1961. *Gamma Epsilon,* Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska.

1961. *Gamma Zeta,* Slippery Rock State College, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania.

1962. *Gamma Eta,* Loyola University of the South, New Orleans, Louisiana.

1962. *Gamma Theta,* Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois.

Constitution of Sigma Sigma Sigma

As Revised by the 1962 Convention

PREAMBLE

Whereas it is a recognized fact that without law and order no organization can exist in a state of welfare, and knowing that good government is the basis of all law and order, we, the members of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority make, adopt and ratify this revised Constitution for the good of the Sorority and of its members, to aid those whose duty as officers requires them to govern, and for the advancement of the Sorority and its teachings.

ARTICLE I

Name, Aim, and Field

Section 1. The name of the organization which exists by virtue of this Constitution and in accord with its laws shall be Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Section 2. The aims of the Sorority shall be to establish among its members a perpetual bond of friendship, to develop in them strong womanly character, and to impress upon them high standards of conduct.

Section 3. The Sorority shall establish chapters only in educational institutions that grant a bachelor's degree and hold membership in a recognized accrediting association.

ARTICLE II

Membership and Degrees

A. Membership

Section 1. Candidates for membership in the Sorority shall be regularly matriculated in an institution where a chapter is located; and shall have met the eligibility requirements as prescribed in the By-Laws of this Constitution.

Section 2. Members of Sigma Sigma Sigma shall not belong to any other sorority of collegiate rank (honorary and professional excepted).

Section 3. Dispensation for initiation of faculty sponsors and ex-collegio members shall be at the discretion of the Executive Council.

B. Degrees

Section 1. The three degrees of Sigma Sigma Sigma shall be the Arc, Triangle, and Circle.

Section 2. The Arc Degree shall be given only to those meeting the requirements for membership as prescribed in this Constitution.

Section 3. The Triangle Degree shall be given only to those who have taken the Arc Degree.

Section 4. The Circle Degree shall be given to any initiated alumna member who is in good standing with her collegiate chapter.

ARTICLE III

Government and Administration

A. Convention

Section 1. The supreme governing body of Sigma Sigma Sigma shall be the National Convention.

Section 2. The voting members of the National Convention shall consist of the Executive Council, President Emerita, Chairmen of Standing Committees, the accredited delegates of the collegiate chapters and of the alumnæ chapters meeting in a business session.

Section 3. If at any time the number of alumnæ chapters represented at Convention equals or exceeds the number of collegiate chapters, each alumnæ chapter shall have one-half vote.

Section 4. A Convention quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the voting members, and shall be necessary to secure the passage of any law.

Section 5. Any member in good standing shall have the right to the floor, and discussions shall be open to both accredited voting and visiting members.

Section 6. A majority vote of the governing body shall be necessary to transact Convention business.

Section 7. If for any reason a voting member as designated in Section 2 shall be unable to attend, the Executive Council may appoint her proxy.

B. Interim

Section 1. The Executive Council elected at Convention shall be the supreme governing body between Conventions, with full power to act in emergencies.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Collegiate Secretary, Alumnæ Secretary, National Panhellenic Conference Delegate, and Editor of THE TRIANGLE.

Section 3. The Executive Council shall be the Board of Directors of eight members as specified in the Virginia State Charter of Incorporation.

Section 4. The National President may appoint a former National President as President Emerita to serve in an advisory capacity. The President Emerita shall be entitled to one vote

as an ex-officio member of the Executive Council.

Section 5. The Executive Council shall appoint such Chairmen of Standing Committees as are deemed necessary to carry on the work of the various departments of the Sorority.

Section 6. An Alumnæ Advisory Board consisting of three or more members shall be appointed by the Executive Council for each collegiate chapter to serve from Convention to Convention.

Section 7. The Executive Council shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring during the interval between Conventions.

Section 8. The Executive Council shall hold national leadership workshops at intervals, and shall meet in conference prior to each Convention for planning and discussion of Sorority business, and at such other times as deemed advisable.

ARTICLE IV

Badges and Emblems

Section 1. The badge of the Arc Degree shall be a triangle of silver having the Greek Letter "Σ" in each corner, superimposed upon three arcs. This pledge pin is the property of the local chapter.

Section 2. The official badge of the Triangle Degree shall be a gold equilateral triangle having an indented border set with pearls, and a raised inner portion of black enamel with a "Σ" in each corner and a symbolic skull and crossed bones in the center.

Section 3. The official badge is the property of the Sorority which retains legal title. This emblem of membership shall be ordered by each initiate at the time of initiation.

Section 4. The badge of the Circle Degree shall be a small triangle of gold, within a gold circle, worn as a guard to the badge of the Triangle Degree.

Section 5. The recognition pin, which shall be worn on the left lapel of the coat, shall be a small coat-of-arms or the three Greek "Σ's." It may be worn only by members of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Section 6. The colors of this Sorority shall be royal purple and white.

Section 7. The flower shall be the purple violet.

Section 8. The official jewel shall be the pearl.

Section 9. The official banner shall have a purple ground crossed from the upper left to the lower right by a white band. Upon this band in purple shall appear the Greek letters "ΣΣΣ." In the upper half shall be a white circle; in the lower half a white indented triangle.

Section 10. The coat-of-arms shall be a purple shield with a white band running from upper left to the lower right side, bearing the Greek letters "ΣΣΣ" in gold. Above and below this band shall appear five secret symbols in gold and in white, whose meanings are explained in the the officers' installation ceremony. The Greek inscription below the shield translated is the open motto of Sigma Sigma Sigma, "Faithful Unto Death."

ARTICLE V

Triennial Plan

A. Convention

Section 1. National Convention shall be held at least every three years.

B. Chapter Visiting

Section 1. Collegiate chapter inspection shall be conducted under the supervision of the Executive Council.

C. Regional Meetings

Section 1. The Executive Council may call group meetings of chapters in the interim between Conventions.

ARTICLE VI

National Panhellenic Conference

Section 1. The members of this Sorority shall observe the agreements outlined in the National Panhellenic Conference *Manual of Information*, current edition.

ARTICLE VII

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised* shall govern the Sorority in all matters of parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Section 1. A two-thirds vote of the governing body at Convention shall be necessary to amend any part of this Constitution or By-Laws. Temporary amendments may be made by a majority vote of the Executive Council during the interim between Conventions, but these shall be presented at the next Convention for approval or disapproval of the governing body.

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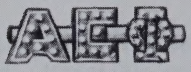
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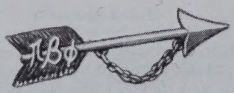
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Badges of National Panhellenic Conference members

Editor's Note: Theta Upsilon was absorbed by Delta Zeta in 1962, thereby making the Θ Υ badge obsolete.

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